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## The Parable of the Vacationing Christians

Now it came to pass as summer drew nigh that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said: "Lo, the hot days come and even now are at hand. Come, let us go unto the mountains, where cool breezes refresh us and glorious scenes greet our eyes." "Thou speakest wisely," replied Mrs. Church Member. "Yet four things we must do before we go." "Three things I can think of," responded Mr. Church Member. "We must arrange for our flowers to be watered, our pet to be fed, and our mail to be brought in, but the fourth eludes me." "The fourth is like unto the first three, yet more important than all the others," Mrs. Church Member replied. "Thou shalt dig into thy purse and pay thy church offering so that the good name of the church shalt be preserved and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt when thou dost return." And it came to pass that Mr. Church Member paid their church offering for the summer, and the church treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "Truly there are those who care for the Lord's work." And it was so.