

There Is No Excuse!

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Philippians 1:21 *For to me to live is Christ*
Ephesians 4:15 *Speaking the truth in love*
1 Corinthians 3:6 *I have Planted, Apollos*
1 John 2:6 *He that saith he abideth*
1 John 2:5 *Whoso keeps his word, love for God*
1 Corinthians 6:20 *bought with a price*
1 Corinthians 2:12 *we receive the spirit of God*
Ephesians 5:14 *Awake thou that sleepest,*
Luke 14:16 *A certain man made a great supper*
Luke 14:24 *none of those who were invited*
Mark 11:25 *And when ye stand praying*
Revelation 19:9 *Blessed are they that are called*

- 1 The easiest thing in the world is to find an excuse when we do not want to do something—I *don't have time; I'm too tired; I've had a big day; I can't get interested; I'm in to so many things*; etc. The list is *long* and *varied*—Satan creates them.
- 2 The devil always *suggests* that we do **not do** what we *should* do—or he has us **do** something we should *not* be doing.
- 3 Even knowing we will face the Judge of everyone, we *still* make excuses—thinking that facing the Judge is way off in the future.
- 4 And even knowing that Day is close, the devil *still* has us making excuses—I *was out late last night; It was a tough week; I need to rest*. There is no excuse, but Satan *still* makes them.

5 God wants every *soul* to be saved, and He can *use* any life to be a spiritual example—that is why we should not make *excuses* but should allow God to work *with* us and *in* us so we can be a right influence on those around us.

6 The Holy Spirit will *inspire* us and *guide* us to be helpful to someone that day. If we allow Him to do that for us, we will have right answers when we stand before God.

7 The apostle said AV **Philippians 1:21** “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*” If God wanted him to *stay* on earth he would continue to give the Gospel message of truth to anyone who would listen.

8 His life was a spiritual *influence* on many *people*—and his letters are still informing people of the Gospel to this day!

9 The apostle went through very difficult situations, and he was seriously persecuted at times, but he made *no excuses*—he just kept *doing* what God *wanted* him to be doing—proclaiming the Gospel truth to everyone who desired spiritual knowledge.

10 AV **Ephesians 4:15** “*Speaking the truth in love, [they] may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.*”

11 Being a right influence on others by the way we *talk* and *dress* and *act* and *speak* is more important than we realize.

12 It is our preparing for Paradise—and asking God to enable us to be a *right* example for our *friends* and *family* here on earth while we anticipate being *with* them for *millions* of years on the other side!

13 God places friends in our life, and there is *no* excuse for our *not* being a Christlike influence on them. AV **1 Corinthians 3:6** “*I have Planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*”

14 There is never a good time to be *lukewarm* with the *Truth*. Every day is an opportunity for us to influence someone and to *help* another *know* of God’s Truth by the way we treat them; how we speak to them; and by our conversations with them.

15 We can never *repay* Jesus for the sin debt He paid for us, but we can *thank* Him, and we can show our appreciation to Him by *living* His Truth and being a living *example* for others to emulate.

16 Our personal *commitment* to live the Truth, by obeying the words of Christ is *first* and *foremost*. AV **1 John 2:6** “*He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*”

17 People with whom we *work* and *play* and *interact* with are looking *at* us and listening *to* us. Are they *seeing* and *hearing* Christlike attitudes *in* us?

18 Every response we *make* and every reply we *give* should be approved by God because AV **1 Corinthians 6:20** “*Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*”

19 There are often times when the *lost* are *listening*—neighbors or coworkers—and they should hear *words* or *opinions* or *conversations* from us that are helpful to them.

20 AV **1 John 2:5** “*Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected.*” Are we *acting* and *speaking* like a true believer in Christ would act and talk?

21 There is *no excuse not* to live God's Truth every day, and no excuse for not being a Christlike influence on those with whom we have contact! Our life should make this Truth God gave us attractive.

22 Anyone wanting to learn more from God just needs to ask Him—AV **1 Corinthians 2:12** “*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*”

23 We should not make *excuses* for not *reading* the Bible. The devil makes excuses for not reading the Scriptures. He suggests things like: *I don't understand it; It doesn't seem relevant; I don't have the time*—the list is long but eternity much longer. Reading the Word should be first on our list of reading material.

24 Parable of the Feast AV **Luke 14:16** “*A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: 17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse.*”

25 One of those invited had to look over some real estate he purchased—**18** “*I pray thee have me excused.*” Making sure the land was a good investment was more *important* than attending this “*great supper.*”

26 Another purchased some animals and wanted to be sure they were healthy **19** “*I pray thee have me excused.*”

27 The third had just been married **20** “*Therefore I cannot come.*” These excuses made the Master *angry* as none of the invited showed any *interest*.

28 Excuses will *not* do when the time comes for the *Supper of the Lamb* to be served. We will either

have allowed God to *teach* us through the various things we meet in life, or we will have made excuses for *not* meeting things scripturally and *not* be able to attend.

29 Wanting anyone to attend who was willing, AV **Luke 14:23** “*The lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.*”

30 *None* of those who were invited showed any desire to be part of God's family of believers in Heaven. By having no interest, they would not even have a *taste* of that dinner in Paradise!

31 Attending that supper by living God's Truth is the goal of every believer. AV **Revelation 19:9** “*And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*”

32 Jesus was grieved that so many showed no interest NKJV **Matthew 23:37** “*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!*”

33 The self-life makes *excuses*, but the Christ-life makes *attempts* to live closer to God—reading His Word and obeying His instructions on all issues.

34 If Christ is within, we do not make *excuses*, but we offer *prayers* for enlightenment and spiritual wisdom.

35 God's *Truth* is compared to a *Feast*—AV **Revelation 19:9** “*The marriage supper of the Lamb.*” And “*Blessed are they which are called unto it.*”

36 God provided this Feast at a huge cost, and it is for anyone who will *believe, repent, and trust* Him in faith. NKJV **Ephesians 1:7** “*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*”

37 The Bible gives few details on the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, but all true believers will be gathered from AV **Luke 13:29** “*The east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.*”

38 Jesus is the Host—so *no one* should miss it and no one *would* miss it, except by their own *refusal* to accept the invitation—an invitation that includes following—AV **Mark 11:25** “*And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have [anything NKJV] against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*”

39 If we *reject* the words of our Lord, we are refusing to *accept* His invitation—we are making an *excuse* to be *excused* from the Marriage Supper—we are asking to be excused from eternal fellowship with *God* and His Son *Jesus* and with all who have *kept the faith* and *washed their robes* in the *Blood* of the Lamb!

40 Satan will always have an excuse, but we should reject every one of them and offer *prayers* for spiritual guidance instead—asking God to help us go in the right *direction* toward the right *destination*!

41 AV **Revelation 19:9** “*Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb!*” Blessed beyond words and living forever in His presence!

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