

**Making Excuses**  
**Quit – Part 1**  
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**As soon as you decide to be different in some area,  
especially if it is spiritually,**

**Satan gives you excuses to stay the same.**

**Luke 14:16-18a (NIV)** *“Jesus replied: ‘A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. <sup>17</sup> At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses.’”*

**Luke 14:18b-20 (NIV)** *“The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ <sup>19</sup> Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ <sup>20</sup> Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’”*

**Good Intentions versus God Intentions**

**What does God want to be different in your life?**

**Why does God want this to be different in your life?**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)** *“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.”*

**Acts 2:44-46 (NIV)** *“All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.”*

**Romans 8:31-32 (NIV)** *“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”*

## Quit Making Excuses...

**Exodus 3:7&10 (NIV)** *“The Lord said, ‘I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people the Israelites out of Egypt.’ ”*

**Exodus 4:10 (NIV)** *“Moses said to the Lord, ‘Pardon Your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since You have spoken to Your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.’ ”*

**Exodus 4:11 (NIV)** *“The Lord said to him, ‘Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord?’ ”*

**Jeremiah 32:27 (NIV)** *“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?”*

**Isaiah 50:2 (NIV)** *“When I came, why was there no one? When I called, why was there no one to answer? Was My arm too short to deliver you? Do I lack the strength to rescue you? By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert; their fish rot for lack of water and die of thirst.”*

**Exodus 4:12 (NIV)** *“Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.’ ”*

### 1. Do what you can do!

Delayed obedience is disobedience.

**Mark 1:35 (NIV)** *“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.”*

### 2. Trust God to do what you cannot do!

When you “go now,” God will help you and teach you.