

Excuses, Excuses, Excuses
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Excuse One: Love of Material Things

16 But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.'" Luke 14:16-18

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Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 1 John 2:16

And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. (10) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 1 Timothy 6:9-10

Excuse Two: Job/Occupation/Career

And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'" Luke 14:19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Excuse Three: Family/Friends/Relationship (vv. 19-24).

*And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' **Luke 14:20***

*"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." **Joshua 24:14-15***

So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' 22 And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the servant, 'Go

*out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. 24
For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.”* **Luke 14:21-24**