



## EXCUSES

*“<sup>15</sup>Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God! <sup>16</sup>Jesus replied with this story: A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. <sup>17</sup>When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready. <sup>18</sup>But they all began making excuses. ...”*  
*Luke 14:15-18 nlt*

### Introduction:

*“<sup>13</sup>For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” *Philippians 4:13 nlt**

*“<sup>9</sup>So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” *Galatians 6:9**

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*“<sup>33</sup>Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” *Matthew 6:33 nlt**

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*“<sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” *Matthew 6:21**

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*“<sup>24</sup>Then he who had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup>And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours. <sup>26</sup>But his lord answered and said to him, You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.” *Matthew 25:24-26**

*“<sup>13</sup>The lazy person claims, There’s a lion out there! If I go outside, I might be killed!”*  
*Proverbs 22:13 nlt*

*“<sup>15</sup>So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise.”*  
*Ephesians 5:15 nlt*

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

*“<sup>21</sup>Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, <sup>22</sup>throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup>Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. <sup>24</sup>Put on your new nature, created to be like God truly righteous and holy. <sup>25</sup>So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.” Ephesians 4:21-25 nlt*

*“<sup>32</sup>And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32*

*“<sup>23</sup>But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.” Colossians 1:23 nlt*

### **Conclusion :**

*“<sup>4</sup>The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.” Proverbs 13:4*

*“<sup>7</sup>And though you started with little, you will end with much.” Job 8:7 nlt*