

EXCUSES FOR NOT EVANGELIZING.

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. We have already noted that many are not involved in this needed work.**
 - 1. I do not know all the answers as to why that is the case.
 - 2. I do know that God requires evangelism.
 - 1) **Matthew 28:18-20.**
 - 2) **Mark 16:15-16.**
 - 3. Evangelism is NOT only the work of the preacher or the elders.
 - 1) Not one of us can say "I do not have that responsibility."
- B. In this lesson we will look at some of the excuses that are being made.**

DISCUSSION: SOME EXCUSES THAT ARE USED.

I. I AM TOO BUSY.

- A. Too busy at what? With clubs, making money, entertainment or recreational pursuits?**
- B. Everyone is busy.**
 - 1. All have complicated and busy lifestyles these days.
 - 1) But remember we have many more conveniences than in days gone by.
 - 2) These conveniences should help us make up some time.
 - 3) We have the telephone, the printed page, tapes, CD's, etc.
- C. Are we really too busy, or have we just gotten into a rut?**
 - 1. **Matthew 6:33.**
 - 1) We must make it first in importance.
 - 2) Everything else must give way before its demands.
 - 3) It must be first in our affections, have our whole hearts.
 - 2. We must "love the Lord our God with the whole heart."
 - 1) **Matthew 22:37.**

II. I AM DOING MY PART.

- A. There are some who are really involved in the work of the church.**
 - 1. They are to be commended and thanked for their efforts.
- B. However, there are others who need to look to themselves and ask, "Just what am I doing?"**
 - 1. Some have the notion that being in attendance is enough.
 - 2. That is essential (**Hebrews 10:24-26**). But that is not all!
- C. The Bible teaches that we are to do all things commanded.**
 - 1. **James 2:10.**
 - 2. **Matthew 7:21-27.**
 - 3. **Luke 6:46.**

III. NO ONE IS INTERESTED.

- A. How do we know that?**
 - 1. In fact, we cannot know FOR SURE.

B. Remember, we must do our part even though people seem disinterested and unconcerned.

1. We cannot force anyone to hear and do.
2. Yet we must do what we are commanded to do even when folk do not seem to care.
 - 1) Our work is to TRY to have studies.
 - 2) If they reject the invitation to study, we have done what we could.
 - 3) **Acts 13:47-52.**

IV. I HAVE TRIED AND FAILED.

A. Please understand --- if you have tried YOU have not failed!

1. God holds us accountable only for the efforts we put forth, NOT for the rejection from the hearer!
2. **Acts 13:46.**
3. **Luke 7:30.**
4. **Mark 12:10.**

B. We must be steadfast in evangelism, even when men reject an invitation to study (Luke 9:5**).**

V. I DO NOT KNOW ENOUGH.

- A. Just teach people what you LEARNED as you were moved to obey the gospel.**
- B. Remember that with each study you will become better acquainted with presenting what you already know.**
- C. Keep on studying (**Psalm 119:104; 2 Timothy 2:15**).**

VI. CONCLUDING THOUGHTS.

- A. In the long ago many made excuses as to why they did not do God's bidding. None of them worked!**
- B. Moses made excuses in **Exodus 4:10**.**