

Making Excuses, Missing the Kingdom

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Outline

I. Introduction

II. The Excuse of _____

- a. The modern world has produced more in the way of possessions than any other point in history.

- b. Our possessions often prevent us from being able to serve God as He wants us to.

- c. When we are focused on _____, rather than _____, we miss the Kingdom.

III. The Excuse of _____

- a. The modern world has produced more time saving devices than any other point in history.

- b. Yet we become entangled in them in such a way that we are always in a hurry, because we think that we now have more time to do more.

- c. When we are focused on the _____, rather than _____, we miss the Kingdom.

IV. The Excuse of _____

- a. Blaming others is the most often used excuse. We blame others for our failures, for our disappointments, and for our troubles.

- b. We may even blame others for our lack of service or our failure to accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

- c. When we are focused on _____, rather than _____, we miss the Kingdom.

V. Conclusion

- a. Jesus used this parable to illustrate to the Israelites of that time that they were focusing on all the wrong things while the Kingdom of God was at hand. As a result, they were going to miss the Kingdom.

- b. Today, people are still making excuses. God is inviting you to a grand banquet in His Kingdom. What excuses are you making? How are you putting Him off?