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Free Article: "If Life Is Worship, Why Attend Church?"

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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ Do your best and then sleep in peace . . . God is awake.
 - ~ What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.
 - ~ A Wise man may be convinced with reason,
A Fool cannot be convinced with proof!
 - ~ In nature we see where God has been.
In our fellow man, we see where He is still at work.
- ~Robert Brault, rbrault.blogspot.com

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"READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR? This New Year's resolution often stalls in LEVITICUS mired down in its endless meticulous rules."

-Sigh- I think
I'll wait for
the movie.



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QUESTION: "Does everything I do glorify God?"

ANSWER: NO.

1. True, a Christian should glorify God in everything done, but not everything done glorifies God! "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Paul had written: "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20). But not everything a Christian does glorifies God: "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For 'the two,' He says, 'shall become one flesh.' But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body" (1 Corinthians 6:15-18). This shows that not everything a Christian chooses to do is automatically glorifying to God! Just because someone has the ability to, can, commit fornication, doesn't mean God is glorified!
2. No clearer illustration can be drawn than the example of Nadab and Abihu: "Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. And Moses said to Aaron, 'This is what the LORD spoke, saying: "By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified."' So Aaron held his peace" (Leviticus 10:1-3). Just because they were priests, had censers, and offered fire did not glorify God. God is not glorified, or properly worshipped, unless people honor Him by doing what pleases Him.
3. All craftsmanship doesn't glorify God: "For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: 'Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands'" (Acts 19:24-26). Talent or ability to do a thing does not equate with glorifying God! Doing what God approves as "good works" does: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). --jtpll

Excuse Busters

For everything that needs to be done, there are always dozens of excuses for not doing it. Doubt and fear will paralyze you if you let them. Resolve to bust your excuses by turning them on their head. Your goals, your dreams are too important to be stopped by lame excuses. The next time you feel an excuse coming on, fight back with this list of excuse busters.

I don't know how--Then make the effort to learn.

It's too hard--Anything worth having, or doing, or being, requires effort.

It will take too long--Then that's all the more reason to get started right away.

What will people think--That's their problem. Let them think what they will. It doesn't matter.

I'll do it as soon as I get back on my feet--Taking positive action toward your goals is precisely what will GET you back on your feet.

I might fail--Yes, when you try you might fail. However, if you don't try, then you'll certainly fail.

I'm too busy--What are you accomplishing with all that busy-ness? Simply being "busy" gets you nowhere. Stop being busy, evaluate your priorities, and start taking focused, directed action.

I don't know where to start--Envision the ultimate goal, and work backwards, step by step, until you arrive at something that can be done right now. Then do it. "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Take that step, and then the next one. Repeat until done.

I have too many obligations--In order to be of service to others, you must first be true to your own purpose in life. Your obligation to yourself is what enables you to fulfill your obligations to others.

These things never work out--That is correct. "Things" never do work out. You must work them out. The various situations you encounter provide you with opportunities, not sure bets. You must recognize those opportunities and do the work necessary to take advantage of them.

You deserve the best from yourself--no excuses. Spend your energy taking action, rather than thinking up excuses.

- from the Daily Motivator

FIRST QUESTION GOD ASKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT



WHERE ARE YOU?

■ Genesis 3:9



ANSWERS:

- **AWAY FROM GOD** ■ Isaiah 53:6
- **GUILTY BEFORE GOD** ■ Rom. 3:10-19
- **LOST TO GOD** ■ Luke 15:32



**GOD IS STILL ASKING, "WHERE ARE YOU?"
... SO ... WHERE ARE YOU IN RELATION TO GOD?**

Chart Idea: Sermon Outlines on the Christian Life by John Ritchie

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FIRST QUESTION MAN ASKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



WHERE IS HE?

■ Matthew 2:2



ANSWERS:

- **IN THE MANGER INCARNATE** ■ Galatians 4:4
- **ON THE CROSS DYING** ■ Romans 5:8
- **ON THE THRONE EXALTED** ■ Acts 5:31



HAVE YOU FOUND HIM ... HAVE YOU FOUND CHRIST?

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