

"WHAT IS OUR EXCUSE"

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The next time you think you have an excuse why God can't use you, **remember the following people:**

1) Noah was drunk 2) Abraham was too old 3) Isaac was a daydreamer 4) Jacob was a liar 5) Leah was ugly 6) Joseph was abused 7) Moses was a murderer, like David and Paul 8) Deborah was a woman 9) Gideon was afraid 10) Samson had long hair 11) Rahab was a prostitute 12) Jeremiah and Timothy were too young 13) David pretended to be mad, had an affair and ran away from his own son 14) Elijah was suicidal 15) Isaiah preached naked 16) Jonah ran away from God 17) Naomi was a widow 18) Job was bankrupt 19) John the Baptist ate locusts 20) Peter was impulsive and hot-tempered 21) John was self-righteous 22) The disciples fell asleep while praying 23) Martha worried about everything 24) Mary was so earthly minded, Jesus said she was no earthly good 25) Mary Magdalene was demon-possessed 26) The boy with the fish and five rolls of bread was too unknown, and still is 27) The Samaritan woman was divorced - even more than once 28) Zacchaeus was too small 29) Paul was too religious 30) Timothy had a stomach ulcer, and Lazarus was dead. Thus, No more excuses! Now **what is ours?**

God has gifted each of us with various talents, skills, abilities. He ask us to honor Him by using these to promote His will to others.

Plainly, don't get short changed. Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven -we must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (Acts 16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (Acts 17:30) 3) Confess Christ Audibly (Acts 8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (Acts 2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (Acts 14:22)

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