

## “COMMON EXCUSES ANSWERED #2”

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### EXCUSE

### ANSWER

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| 1. <b>TRIED ONCE AND FAILED, NOW I AM AFRAID</b>                     | ↔ | I Cor. 10:13; Jude 24; Phil. 4:13<br><b>ILL:</b> wrecked bike or auto, but got up and continued on  |
| 2. <b>TOO MANY MYSTERIES ABOUT GOD AND THE CHURCH</b>                | ↔ | Matt. 24:35, 36, 42, 44, 46<br><b>ILL:</b> Even though we do not understand about neurology, orthopediology, psychology, electrons, Ohm's law, watts & volts,... We still put on Band-Aids, use heating pads, & aspirins. |
| 3. <b>GOD IS LOVE AND THERE IS NO DANGER...</b>                      | ↔ | Gen. 6 - Flood; Gen. 19 - Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah; Matt. 25:31ff; Lk. 13:3  |
| 4. <b>I CANNOT AFFORD TO BE IN THE CHURCH AND A CHRISTIAN.</b>       | ↔ | <b>III:</b> One must buy an auto to get to work and it costs, but...; one pays tuition for schooling in order to acquire a better job and it costs, but is a must...Mk. 8:36  |
| 5. <b>MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WOULD OBJECT...</b>                      | ↔ | Lk. 9:26; 18:29, 30; Acts 5:29; Rom. 14:12  |
| 6. <b>MY FEELINGS HAVE BEEN HURT &amp; I AM AFRAID OF A REPEAT.</b>  | ↔ | Let them air their feelings, & strive to be sympathetic. Say, "Jesus did not hurt your feelings, thus, when we reject worshipping him, we hurt his feelings." Matt. 6:14, 15<br>Forgiveness is a must.                    |
| 7. <b>THE CHURCH HAS "TOO HIGH" STANDARDS FOR ME.</b>                | ↔ | The Lord has set the standards. He only wants us to forsake those things, which harm us (physically, mentally & spiritually)<br>Phil. 4:13; Heb. 12:14  |
| 8. <b>I AM "TOO BUSY" TO BE INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH'S ACTIVITIES.</b> | ↔ | Keeping "Too Busy" with this life's activities can be very costly - see Lk. 12:16-21; God stretches time.   |
| 9. <b>I DON'T KNOW WHICH CHURCH (DENOMINATION).</b>                  | ↔ | Matt. 16:18; John 17:21; Acts 2:47; Eph. 4:4-6; Make a "Restoration Movement" plea.   |
| 10. <b>I DON'T WANT TO TRANSFER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:</b>               |   |   |
| A) <b>DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'LL BE HERE.</b>                          | ↔ | If long enough to put children in school & turn utilities on, long enough...  |
| B) <b>DON'T WANT TO MOVE MEMBERSHIP FROM HOME CHURCH</b>             | ↔ | It is a compliment to home church to know you are active...   |
| C) <b>DON'T WANT RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP</b>                    | ↔ | You are responsible at "New Birth"<br>Acts 2:47; Rom. 14:12; I Cor. 6:19, 20  |