

A Strange Excuse.

Those who do not love and serve Jesus almost always have some excuse to give; but remember an excuse may not be a good reason, and no one, big or little, can be excused from obeying God because he says he is too busy or is not ready yet.

"Why do you not serve the true God?" asked a missionary of a man in Korea, who had heard the truth but would not believe it.

"Oh," was the answer, "I am too busy. I can't serve a God like yours. I must serve one that I can go to only twice a year."

Any one can see that this was no reason at all for refusing to believe in Jesus. This man put himself and his own business first. It was not because he could not, but because he would not, give the time needed for God's worship and live for Him.

But have the Sunday-school scholars who have known of Jesus all their lives any better reason for refusing to give their hearts to Him?

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For a time, it is said, they crowded together as if consulting a plan of release. At length the plan being decided on, one of the number commenced the operation by darting at the string, which it struck with its beak as it flew past. Another and another followed in quick succession, till the whole army of besiegers had given a dash at the fort to be dismantled. The combined operation was sustained during half an hour, when the cord was severed and the captive companion set free. For some time afterwards the whole flock continued to hover together, chattering one among another, as if conscious of a triumph.

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