

## **Dream Killers and Life Suckers**

### **Part 1**

There are a lot of things that are harmful to us physically, mentally, and spiritually but one that hurts us in all 3 areas of our lives is excuses.

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

A lot of excuses are rooted in fear and insecurities.

We make excuses, we rationalize why we didn't follow through with our commitment, stick to our plans, or chase our dreams.

We as individuals have become skillful at picking from a wide range of excuses to limit our capabilities.

#### **The Common Excuse List.**

- **There is simply not enough time in a day to get it all done.**
- **It's just not the right time.**
- **I don't make enough money to be successful.**
- **I'm too old to change.**
- **I just don't feel good enough.**
- **I am too tired.**

#### **Our excuse List for not serving for God.**

- **I'm a new Christian.**
- **It's the preacher's job.**
- **That's not my spiritual gift.**
- **I must pray about it.**
- **I am just too busy right now.**

There are no good reasons for not obeying the Lord, only excuses.

#### **Luke 14:15-24**

Excuses will strip you from promotions, keep you from your promise, and rob you of fulfilment.

If you really want to do something, you'll find a way.

If you don't, you'll find an excuse.

99% of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.

People with integrity do what they say they are going to do, others have excuses.

He who excuses himself, accuses himself.

### **The Leeches that suck life.**

- **Fear of the unknown.**
- **Fear of failure.**
- **Lack of motivation and drive.**
- **Not having specific goals.**

### **Steps to excuse breaking and dream making.**

- **Replace your fears with faith.**

Fear can hold you back and put you in an endless cycle of procrastination.

Fear will cause us to settle for less than Gods best.

### **Hebrew 11:1**

### **Hebrew 11:6**

**FAITH** focuses on God; **FEAR** focuses on the problem.

**FAITH** is trusting and believing God: **FEAR** is to not trust Him and to doubt that He even cares.

### **Romans 10:17**

Build your faith, kill your excuses by listening, hearing, and believing what God says about you.

- **Stop blaming others.**

Whether it's fear or criticism, negative consequences, or attention, we don't want to feel bad, so we often blame someone else.

Who are you blaming, cursing, and rehearsing, and even nursing your hurts, because it's their fault?

### **Genesis 3:12-13**

This was the beginning of the blame game that now is so real in our world today.

Adam blamed Eve, and even blamed God, but not the devil why? Because it is easy to blame the ones who love you.

Blaming others only keeps you from your promises, goals, and dreams.

**OWN** your excuses before they **OWN** you or do, they already **OWN** you?