Chosing to Serve Today:Eliminating Excuses

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INTRODUCTION

- That danger is sometimes that when there is so many strong families, that there is so much good going on that I don't choose to serve today.
- Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.
- This morning I want each and every one of us to renew our commitment to the end of verse 15 that says, But as for me and for my house, we will serve the Lord.

1 Quit Saying Someone Should Do It

Luke 10:30–31; Luke 19:10; Galatians 2:11

- There's three excuses that come out in just three tiny little words that too often excuse us from doing the work of the Lord.
- Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- The second problem with that is it misplaces where the weight of responsibility lies. My service to God weighs entirely and solely on me.
- What if Jesus had viewed dying on the cross as just the job of someone rather than him?
- If I see a need, I need to fill the need. Every goal is not somebody's job. There are some goals that are for me to do.
- That's going to eliminate the word someone from my vocabulary because that needs to be replaced with I or me.

2 Quit Saying Something Needs to Be Done

2 Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 3:7–11; Romans 12:1–13

- Not only should we quit saying someone, because that's just taking ourselves off the hook, but we should quit saying something needs to be done.
- Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.
- If you don't know what's to be done, but something needs to be done about that, ask somebody who does.
- Just like a car would come to a screeching halt if it had some sort of fatal problem, so does the work of the Lord if all of us Christians sit back and say, someone should do something.
- Serving Christ is not some sort of basic small checklist.
- For as in one body, we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function. So we, though many are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

3 Stop Saying Someday

Luke 9:57–62; Matthew 5:16

- But most importantly, brothers and sisters, can we realize we need to stop saying someday?
- No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.
- The point was the time to follow Christ was not at that moment. The priority was not given to our Savior.
- We were bought with the price of the blood of Christ so that we might serve God.
- This work does not begin when I have my job in order, or when I have my ducks in a row. This starts today. Service to God begins now.
- No excuse is given that will satisfy the Lord in not serving him and not putting him as the first and the only.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you and your house ready to serve the Lord? It all begins in your house and in my house with me.**

MY NOTES