

# Excuses are Little Lies You Tell Yourself

You can have your little excuses and reasons that you tell yourself and others why you don't support the ministry you once supported, or attend that church you once attended. But if all these reasons are because you're offended, it's not going to fly with God. Don't deceive yourself or it's going to come back and hurt you. You have got to come down to the real reasons why you don't do what you're supposed to do, and deal with it.

You don't want to find yourself in an emergency room situation that you're promising God, *"If You get me out of this, I'll go do what You told me to do."* The curse doesn't come causeless (Proverbs 26:2). If you open the door to the devil, he's coming in. That's why we're warned not to give any place to the devil (Ephesians 4:27). Disobedience can get you in a situation that you're not going to want to be in. So, it's important that you always guard your heart from everyone's opinions and what your head is telling you. Go with what you've got in your heart.

It's so important to be led by the Holy Spirit, because people, the devil, as well as your own mind and intellect can put a lot of pressure on you to compromise. It takes courage to stick with what you've got in your heart, because it is your life that's on the line. Disobedience toward God has caused more ministers their life prematurely, probably more than any one thing.

You want to stay in God's Word every day, read and quote the promises of God to yourself, listen to faith building tapes, meditate on God's Word, and love everybody. That's not a suggestion. It's a commandment from Jesus in John 13:34,35: **A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

**And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 1 John 3:23**

You can't just love certain people and walk in health. You're going to have to make yourself love everyone. Just treat everybody the same! The God kind of love is genuine, has depth to it; it's not superficial, phony, or cheesy.

You can tell if someone loves you or not. The same holds true for others: people can tell if you really love them or not. Our health is not determined on how people treat us, but on how we treat them. And, if we're going to walk in divine health, we've got to walk in the God kind of love. You can't do that unless you stay in the Word, and stay in prayer.

We believers need to go to God's Word and get ourselves built up, not only to deal with the pressures that we're faced with today, but also down the road, because we don't know what's going to be happening. We want to keep ourselves fully alert on God's Word. The Word says in 1 Peter 5:8, **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

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Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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