



iMpact Christian Church

7 EVIL EXCUSES That KILL **DIVINE DESTINY!**

Refreshment!!!

Refresher!



Today's Challenge

- To challenge your mindset on several common reasons why **we abort** our God-given, divine destiny through behaviors and excuses.

REALIZE WE ARE IN A SEASON OF SACRIFICE!

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Matthew 24:45-51

- Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 *But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;* 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

So....what is evil?

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- **Evil Defined!**
 - Of a bad nature
 - Not such as it ought to be
 - Of a mode of thinking, feeling, or acting
 - Base, wrong, wicked
 - Troublesome, injurious, pernicious, destructive or baneful

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So....what's your excuse?

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#1. IT'S NOT MY FAULT!



- **REALITY**: I won't take responsibility for my actions!
- **REBUTTAL**: Your actions determine your consequences!
- *7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not* Galatians 6:6-9

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#2. I didn't have time!



- **REALITY**: This wasn't important to me!
- **REBUTTAL**: For what? Everyone has the same **365dys, 52wks, 7dys, 24hrs, 60mins, 60secs!** It's a matter of **PRIORITY** not **TIME**.
- *1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:* Ecclesiastes 3:1
- *33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* Matthew 6:33

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#3. I can't!



- **REALITY:** I'm too afraid to try!
- **REBUTTAL:** You can, according to God's will and your willingness!
- *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13*
- *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7*

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#4. It's too hard!



- **REALITY**: I don't want to work for it! I'm lazy!
- **REBUTTAL**: If you *will* do...you *will* have! If you *won't* do...you *won't* have!
- *6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. 9 **How long wilt thou sleep,** O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.*

Proverbs 6:6-11

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#5. But...!



- **REALITY: I can't believe God for this!**
- **REBUTTAL: It is possible with God!**
- *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. 24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Mark 9:23-24*
- *But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26*

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#6. You don't know what I've been through!



- **REALITY**: What happened to me has me bound!
- **REBUTTAL**: God can use your worst to birth your best!
- The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.*
Psalm 34:18-19
- *Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 9* Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, **but according to his own purpose** and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, *2 Timothy 1:8-9*

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#7. You don't know where I've come from!



- **REALITY: I am not good enough for this!**
- **REBUTTAL: You are good enough FOR GOD!**
- *But God hath chosen the **foolish things** of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And **base things** of the world, and **things which are despised**, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:27-31*

Final exhortation



1. Take responsibility!
2. Prioritize and manage time!
3. Try in spite of fears!
4. Don't be lazy!
5. Believe God can!
6. Forget and press!
7. Know you deserve it!

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Go make a difference!

Set People! Set Place! Set Time!