



**WHEN THE WORLD GETS IN THE WAY**  
**WORLDLY BUSYNESS & GODLY OBLIGATIONS**  
**LUKE 14:15-24**

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**1. Distinguish** \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 15-17)

**Luke 14:15** *When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"* **16** *But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' 20 And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' 22 And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"* (ESV)

**2. Distinguish** \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 18-20)

**3. Distinguish** \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 21-24)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Genesis 3:11-13**. Why did our first parents make excuses when they failed to keep their obligation to obey God? How has this strategy been at work in your own Christian life?
2. Read **1 John 2:15-17**. In what way does our preoccupation with the world's priorities reflect the same kind of problem we just considered in Genesis 3 when thinking about Adam and Eve's sin?
3. Read **Luke 18:22-25**. Describe a situation in your life when Christ was clearly calling you to prioritize your loyalty to him over the things of this world?
4. Read **Titus 1:16** and **Matthew 7:18-20**. What would you say to someone who tells you he is well-intentioned regarding his obedience to God (e.g., regarding things like church attendance [Heb.10:25] and evangelism [2Cor.5:20]), but he just has so many practical reasons that make those things impossible for him?
5. Read **Matthew 6:31-34**. What are some practical ways you will live out the truth of this passage this week?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

### September 18<sup>th</sup>

*Ecc.4-6 & 2Cor.10*

### September 19<sup>th</sup>

*Ecc.7-9 & 2Cor.11:1-15*

### September 20<sup>th</sup>

*Ecc.10-12 & 2Cor.11:16-33*

### September 21<sup>st</sup>

*Song 1-3 & 2Cor.12*

### September 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Song 4-5 & 2Cor.13*

### September 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Song 6-8 & Gal.1*

### September 24<sup>th</sup>

*Is.1-3 & Gal.2*

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

*Is.4-6 & Gal.3*

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

Msg. 08-14 – **How to Get Eternal Life: Things that Stand in the Way**

Msg. 08-16 – **How to Get Eternal Life: Why It's All Worth It**

Msg. 14-35 – **When Following Him is Painful**

Msg. 07-17 – **Boldly Following God's Path for My Life**

Msg. 12-15 – **A Map for Mountain Climbers**

Msg. 15-04 – 15-06 – **Fatal Excuses** (a three-part series on rooting out excuses)

Msg. 13-33 – 13-35 – **ATAPAT** (a three-part series on following Christ in any situation)

## This Week's Social Media Hashtag

### #OvercomingTheWorld

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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