

***"I'm supposed to preach today, but..."***

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**Some things the Bible says about our fears and excuses:**

**I don't want to.**

Heb 10.24-25 - Don't forsake assembly (it is not about me, it about US)

Matt 28 - Great commission (imperative, not a question)

**Why should I?**

I Pet 2.21 - Follow in His steps

**There are other, better people to do the job.**

Romans 8.28-31 - We are called out by God Himself.

**I don't know enough. / I'm afraid I might fail.**

Romans 8.26-27

**My past prevents me from being part.**

The blood of Christ is more powerful than sin.

Romans 3.21-24 - I'm being lawful by holding onto my sin.

**I don't have time.**

Time is spent like money, and it is more precious than money.

I HAVE time, and I know the good I should do.

James 4.4-5 - God desires and deserves my time.

Matthew 10:37-39 - God's work is most important.

Matthew 19:29 - God rewards the diligent.

**It's too much work.**

That isn't what I want to do.

Someone else will do it.

James 4.13-17 - I know the good I should do

Prov 19.21 - God has a purpose.

**There's too much politics when you're deeply involved. I was hurt once.**

Christ was hurt many times, and He kept working.

Matt 5.11-12 - Even the prophets went through that.

**I already did a few things. I've done my time.**

I Cor 9.24-27 - Run to win. This race is still running.

**I already give to the church, financially.**

Psalm 51.16-17 - God desires the willing, deepest part of me, not the reluctant, man-made dollar.

**Conclusion:**

Ask yourself and pray "What ARE my gifts? What gets me fired up to be part of God's work?". God's plan is moving forward; don't be left out