



## Luke 14:20

(20) And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

*King James Version*

This is the most insignificant excuse of all, yet such excuses are used frequently. It is amazing that people allow themselves to be excluded from the [Kingdom of God](#) with such weak reasons. The man's abrupt, brusque, and impolite excuse is empty of substance and void of thought. He represents those whose domestic cares and responsibilities control so much of their time and interest that they neglect their relationship with [God](#).

Balanced and right marriage and family relationships never keep us from a right relationship with God. Quite the contrary, they enhance and promote it. Nevertheless, [Jesus](#) intends to teach us that the [love](#) of relatives and friends often distracts our affections from God, preventing us from accepting the blessings that He wants to bestow on us ([Luke 14:26-28](#); [18:29-30](#); [I Corinthians 7:29-33](#)). For instance, some excuse themselves from appearing before God on the [Sabbath](#) to worship Him because another family member cannot or does not want to attend.

— Martin G. Collins

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