

SPIRITUAL TASK—MAKING A HABIT OF READING THE WORD

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Story Consider the story about the great feast to which many were invited but made excuses not to come (see Luke 14:16-24). Instead, the man giving the feast invited the maimed, lame, blind, and poor and all others he could find.

Meaning Many times we are in a good position to respond to the Lord and do His will, and yet we find excuses not to. But no matter what condition we find ourselves in spiritually, the Lord still calls to us and wishes that we would respond. His table is always set and the meal is ready whenever we choose to come in—but we do have to *choose* to come in.

Task This week, tell yourself you are going to read the Word every night at 10 p.m. for example. What feelings arise as you attempt to carry out your goal? When that time comes, see if you start to have excuses. What excuses, if any, pop up? Are they truly legitimate? Can you step over them to complete your task? Give it a try.