

1. Look at the excuses:

*Luke 14: 15-24* They are pictures of states of mind, of attitudes; of thoughts; as real as at any time. Three such pictures are sketched:

1. The first man puts a piece of ground before salvation. Real property keeps many a man out of the kingdom.
2. The second man puts cattle before salvation. Many are so interested in good stock as to have no time for their eternal interest.
3. The third man puts social concerns before spiritual. He has married a wife and so cannot attend to the claims of God.

2. Consider:

1. The attraction of property.
2. The occupation of business.
3. Social ties whether at home

*Excuse or abroad.*

- 1- a pretext so as to shun without self-protection
- 2- a preference of that which is second rate to that which is of supreme importance

