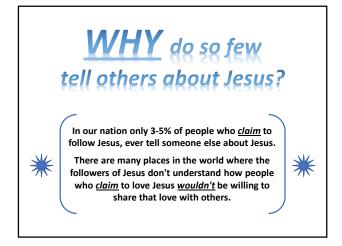


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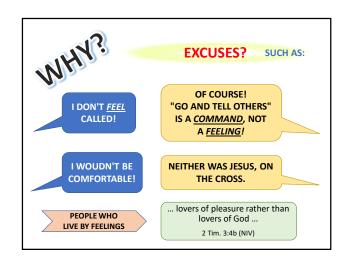
Why do so few in the church tell others about Jesus?



## The reasons WE tend to give ... > Tend to be excuses. > Show that we don't understand the issues. > Make us look better or wiser (in our own eyes) than the reasons the Bible gives.

Are based on truth and reality.Rarely agree with the "reasons" we give.

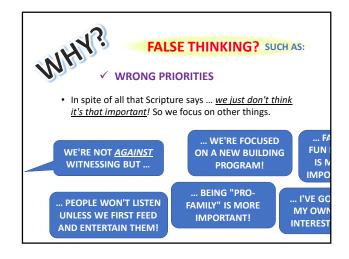
The reasons we find in the BIBLE  $\dots$ 







**SUBSTITUTES?** SUCH AS: THE FALSE GOSPEL • When people think they're "witnessing" about Jesus... but it's not the "witnessing" found in the Bible! • It may be manipulative; it may omit the parts that people don't like to hear; it may add things **God** never included in the Good News. JESUS IS SO LOVING! But even if we or an angel from IF YOU WANT TO heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let GO TO HEAVEN, him be eternally condemned! SIMPLY REPEAT THIS Galatians 1:8 (NIV) PRAYER ...



FALSE THINKING? SUCH AS:

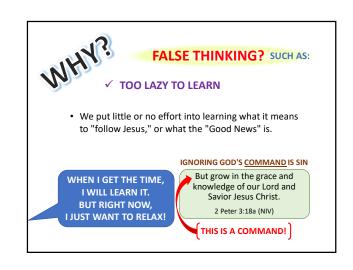
A PERSON MUST HAVE SPECIAL ABILITIES AND KNOWLEDGE

DON'T HAVE THE 'GIFT'!

TO GOD, A HUMBLE ATTITUDE IS MORE IMPORTANT

But God chose the foolish things ... the weak things ... the lowly things and the despised things--and the things that are not... so that no one may boast before him.

1 Cor. 1:27-29 (NIV)



FALSE THINKING? SUCH AS:

FORGETTING GOD'S ROLE IN SALVATION

When we think it totally depends on us, we can become overwhelmed and discouraged by our "failures."

Remember that God <u>uses</u> our weaknesses to accomplish his purposes... <u>if</u> we are willing to obey him!

... apart from me [Jesus] you can accomplish nothing.

John 15:5 (NET)

My word, ...

It will accomplish whatever I want and achieve whatever I send it to do.

Isaiah 55:11 (GW)

A "FAKE" LIFE? SUCH AS:

JESUS HAS NO ACTIVE PLACE IN OUR
LIFE (OR: Our words don't match how
we live.)

• We may convince ourselves we're following Jesus...
but it's not what others see.

WHAT A
HYPOCRITE!

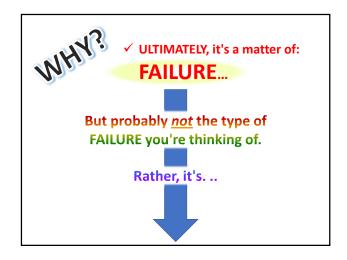
"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant!
... throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Matthew 25:26a, 30 (NIV)

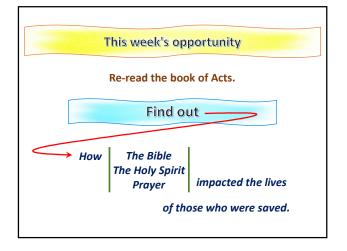












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