

Acts 10:14

But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

Today's oxymoron: ***Not so Lord!***

Why? Well if He is Lord of your life, why would you tell Him **not so**, or simply, **No**? If you do, then He is not Lord of your life, but you have made yourself lord over your own life.

Even in today's devotional verse, the Lord tells Peter why he is wrong in what he said and reminds Peter Who is Lord here (Noticed He had to tell Peter twice "*spoke to him the second time*").

† **Acts 10:15** *And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."*

Yet how many times has the Lord told us to do something, or go somewhere, or simply read His word every day, or tithe, or pray for others, yet we find so many excuses not to. I've said it before and I'll say it again, giving God excuses is the same as saying "No" to God.

Remember Moses, when He first heard from God, and God told Moses to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt into the Promised Land (God didn't ask Moses if he wanted to). And what was Moses' response? Uh, I can't do it Lord, send someone else. Moses' response was an excuse and making himself lord instead of God.

† **Exodus 4:13** *But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send."*

But we know that Moses was obedient, and by that obedience, he became the humblest man to walk the earth at that time (Only Jesus was more humble than Moses) and a mighty man of God.

† **Numbers 12:3** *(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)*

We all hopefully know this next verse and there is even a worship song that we sing with these words.

† **James 4:10** *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

Notice James says to "**humble yourself**". If you will remember who James was, he is the half brother to Jesus (Same mother, Mary, different fathers God & Joseph). He may have been speaking this from his own experience and had to be humbled because scripture says that

† **John 7:5** *For even His brothers did not believe in Him.*

But we know that they did believe after Jesus rose from the dead (The books of James and Jude were written by Jesus' half brothers). So James is telling us to humble ourselves, because you don't want to have to be humbled by God or Jesus. And how do we do that? Simple by truly letting Jesus be Lord over your life, and that means when He tells you to read His Word, or tithe, or help out at church, or give to those in needs or whatever it may be, you stop giving Him excuses, and by being obedient you are acknowledging that He is Lord, not you.

† **Luke 14:18** *But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'*

† **Luke 6:46** *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?"*