People You Know: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody by Karen Anderson



Seize the Day!

"There is the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody sure could have done"

--Author Unknown

Does this sound like situations in your life? It is important to take responsibility. How many times have you agreed to help a friend move and then felt like you really didn't want to do it? What now? How do you get out of it now? This is one situation when you say something like, "Oh, I really don't feel well." Or you say, "I forgot about a prior appointment." You will try and find any excuse you can to get yourself off the hook. Is this really the right thing to do? Let's find out what God has to say about this God's Word says "Jesus was curt: "Are you ready to

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rough it? We're not staying in the best inns, you know." Jesus said to another, "Follow me." He said, "Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days, please. I have to make arrangements for my father's funeral." Jesus refused, "First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God's kingdom!" Then another said, "I'm ready to follow you. Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home." Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day." Could these be your excuses for your situations?

Before your next commitment to whatever the circumstance, STOP, THINK, SAY A QUICK PRAYER and let God help you with each decision of your life. Let your word be your bond; if you give it, KEEP IT.

Don't be an Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, or Nobody in your lifebe a person full of purpose and direction. Bring God into the picture and you will not have to be the "People You Know."

PASSAGE: <u>Luke 9:58-62 (NIV)</u>

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