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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . and a cheerful greeting, friends, to each and every one of you who have your radios tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. It is indeed a pleasure to be coming your way another time before the close of 1968. It will only be a few days now until the new year will be here and 1968 will be gone forever. It is true that every day may seem alike as they come to us, but each day comes with its own opportunities, and responsibilities, its own calls to duty, its own privileges--holding out hands offering us radiant gifts. The day passes and never comes again. Other days as bright may come but that day never comes a second time. If we do not take just then the gifts it offers we may never have another chance to get them. And above all, if we miss the plan of God for our lives each day we have missed the most important thing of life.

Listen to this scripture from the 14th chapter of St. Luke and beginning with verse 16, "Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant

said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

I want you to especially notice the 18th verse which says, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." In other words, these people offered excuses for not doing what they had been invited to do. Have you ever noticed how quickly some folks will change the topic of conversation when you begin to talk to them about the things of God. They can think of so many excuses to offer for not doing what they know they should do. Now if you are looking for excuses let me tell you something. There are lots of them to be had. Let me also remind you that God who has given you many opportunities throughout the year of

