

"Anxious to excuse himself". Luke ¹⁰/₂

"Seeking to justify himself"

Alibiing - rationalizing - ^{himself} excusing

Bible Examples - Adam - Eve - Saul -
Priest & Levite -

Our attempts today -

None of us is perfect -

We have feet of clay -

The main thing is to mean well -

A young man must sow his wild oats

Misbehavior - "I am highly emotional"

Sells beer - "I have to live" -

Broken homes -

When do we offer an alibi - ?

1. When we have done wrong -

a conscience that demands an explanation -

We do not justify wrong -

we justify ourselves -

"I am a glorious exception -"

2. When we practice lower standards

The Evil of this habit -

may comfort us temporarily -
Cannot save us -

[runner + his defeat)

Even if circumstances are to
blame it will not help
to emphasize it.

Face the truth -

Be ashamed of ourselves -

- Prodigal son - ashamed

Brother - sorry for himself

{ Face our weaknesses -

{ Tackle our moral failings -

"I have sinned"

3 When we have the opportunity to do right but will not do it.

Why we justify ourselves?

Self-pride - unwilling to admit weakness

sense of inferiority -

always easier to try to justify ourselves than to face the truth -

all dodge pain -

We rather stand well with men than stand well with God

How do we justify ourselves.

~~Give~~ pretty names to ugly facts -

others "lie" - we are "clever"

" " "Cheat" - " " "shrewd"

" " "bad tempered" - " " "indignant"

" " "impatient" - " " "worn out & nervous"

" " "crooked"

" " "adultery" - " " "idealistic romance"

Blame our difficulties on others -

Nero - Hitler (Jews) - Home life

Blame Fate - Bunyan -

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