אם לא מצוה נוכל אלמדינו לעשות כולכם נזירים

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1. Necessary virtues + ~~accidental~~ unnecessary virtues

" " - if he hasn't got - bad! } hands mind
" " - if he has - so what? }

unnecessary " - if he hasn't - so what? } musical talent
" " - if he has - good!

2. Torah - necessary virtue -

- if you have it - אין לך because
לכל הדברים - these are your hands + feet, necessary for life. Don't pin it on lapel
- if you haven't - terrible - a cripple - כל
הדברים - you were created for Torah as you were created for walking + thinking + speaking.

(הלכה לא תהא מקוצרת)

3. a Rosh Yeshiva of last generation -
אלף תלמידים בדור

True, if you are forced by untoward conditions as poverty, illness וכו' etc., G-d will not take you to task for your lack of knowledge about it. "But you'll remain an עם הארץ! Our excuse will not make you a חכם".

4. end of הגדה read: כל זמן דבר בתוך מים
a man who was drowning can empty his lungs from water. A person can empty his " from air. But a person can't empty himself from lungs - כל זמן דבר בתוך מים - translate: "Torah is a thing from which you can't empty yourself".

5. Joke about Hebrew scholar, free thinker but friendly to Jews as people, who underwent conversion to christianity to escape restrictions on Jews. christianity = הנצרות (Nazareth). after, Jews needed favor from him, Rabbis wrote to him כל הכבוד. He answered, my conversion didn't help any - אפילו אין הנצרות עוזרת לי!