

“Fighting Off The Legalists!”

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GO AGAINST THE FLOW—Message 8
Colossians 2:16-17

"Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath Day. These are shadows of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ." Colossians 2:16-17

Liberty is always worth _____ for.

"Legalism contains enough inherent dangers to elicit the _____ in the Bible." (Philip Yancey)

Legalism is deadly to the church because it:

1. Gives _____ to the wrong person.
2. Gives _____ in the wrong place.
3. Gives people a false sense of _____.
4. Makes us n_____ and d_____.
5. Alienates the _____.

1. Don't Let Others C_____ You To Their Rituals.

Why we're not qualified to judge:

We're not _____

We're not _____

We are _____

How much am I just "going through the motions" in worship?

Total Autopilot 1 2 3 4 5 Total Focus on God

2. Don't Let Others C_____ You By Their Shadows.

Each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:12)

Legalists make it impossible for people to see _____.

Paul is saying, "Having him, therefore, do not let anyone spoil you by involving you in a _____ that will cancel out the reality."

Let me ask you, "What is your Christianity like?" (Circle One in each line that reflects your walk today)

Is it focused on yourself or on Christ?

Is it focused on sin and failure or grace and forgiveness?

Is it anchored in personal experiences or in the Word?

Has it set you free or tied you up?

Does it make you cry, or dance?