



In John 5, Jesus healed a man who had been crippled for thirty-eight years. Instead of celebrating God's power and mercy, the religious leaders were more concerned about broken rules than a restored life. This moment marks the beginning of a tension that runs all through Jesus' ministry—the clash between grace and legalism.

- Legalism is when we enforce our own _____ instead of, or in addition to, the standards which God has given us in his Word.

1. Legalism leads to _____.

- Legalists tend to become _____ - _____ who take pleasure in burdening people with endless lists of _____ rules.

2. Legalism leads to _____.

- Legalists often don't even _____ the _____ themselves.

3. Legalism is _____.

- Legalists equate _____ rules with _____ rules, manmade _____ with God's _____.