

Loyalty, Hypocrisy, Authority

Matthew #100

Matthew 15:1-9

Tradition of the elders? = Fence Laws, Mishnah, it is stated in the Gemara (a commentary on the Mishnah), that if someone contradicts the Scripture, he is not a rebel, but if he contradicts the rabbis, he is a rebel.

Isaiah 29:10-14

Legalism or traditions outwardly mimic spirituality, you look (and in some cases feel) religious and spiritual

We tend to think others are legalistic, but we're not.

Legalism can take a vibrant faith and make it dull and lifeless.

Legalism produces large quantities of self-righteousness, judgment and condemnation.

Legalism makes us narrow and divisive.

But note this: Obedience to the commands or imperatives of Scripture is not legalism.

Legalism can lead to a wrong understanding of the Lord and your relationship to Him

- I believe that God loves me more when I behave.
- When I sin, I feel guilty even after I ask God to forgive me.
- Your spiritual disciplines define your spirituality.