DON'T SETTLE FOR COUNTERFEITS

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Colossians 2:16-23 (NASB95)

1. DON'T SETTLE FOR RELIGIOUS LEGALISM. (16-19)

Colossians 2:16–23 (NASB95) [16]Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— [17]things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

2. DON'T SETTLE FOR SPIRITUAL MYSTICISM.

[18]Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, [19]and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

3. DON'T SETTLE FOR RELIGIOUS EXTERNALISM. (20-23)

[20]If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, [21]"Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" [22](which all refer to things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? [23]These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.