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1. Don't add **MORE COMMANDS** to **GOD'S COMMANDS**.
2. Let your Bible be a **MIRROR**, not a **TELESCOPE**.
3. Remember that **PEOPLE** are more important than your **PREFERENCES**.

For Further Study

Getting Started

1. What are some examples of man-made rules you've heard in Christian circles that the Bible never actually commands nor prohibits?
2. Why do you think we're prone to wanting to add more of our own rules to God's Word?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15. What was God's purpose for the Sabbath?
4. In what ways was that purpose meant to be a blessing for God's people?
5. Why did the Pharisees in Sunday's passage take issue with Jesus' disciples eating grain from the grainfields on a Sabbath and why were they wrong?

Driving It Home

6. On Sunday, Marttell mentioned three things we can do to avoid getting in the way of God's good purposes in each other's lives. Of the three, which one do you need to place more focus on?