

“The Trouble with Legalism” (Mark 7:1-23)

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WHY RULES AND TRADITIONS CAN FOOL US

1. We think they make us _____, but only _____ does that for us.
2. We think they help us _____ God, but they often cause us to miss _____ of _____.
3. We think they help us with _____ sources of _____, but the true source is _____.

HOW TO AVOID LEGALISM

1. Don't _____ to the other end of the _____.
2. Focus on _____; it's what matters most.
3. Don't expect _____ to share the same _____.
4. Realize _____ has already _____ the Law _____.

1. Do you know someone who has tendencies toward legalism (Elevating man-made rules and/or traditions on par with or over God's Word)? What are some reasons that this might happen in a follower of Jesus?
2. Have you ever experienced legalistic tendencies yourself? How would you recognize such tendencies in your own heart? How might you be able to let go of them?
3. What are some practices in your church that are good? Are there any rituals in your church that can possibly be mere external shows? Any long-held traditions that have no basis in Scripture?
4. In what ways do other religions focus on external actions? How is Christianity different?

What's Happening @ New Life

KID'S SPORTS CAMP: Monday, June 19th - Friday, June 23rd. Registration for 7 to 11-year-olds is now open at www.newlifeukiah.com/sportscamp!

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: The Hupp family will be serving with Africa Inland Mission in a Pediatric Medical Clinic at Rift Valley Academy Kijabe, Kenya. To support their ministry, visit usgiving.aimint.org/missionary/131300 or call 562.682.5680.

TO OUR GUESTS: Feel free to use the connection card at your pew to let us know more about yourself. You can drop it off in the offering box in the foyer. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. The offering is for those who have committed to New Life as their church home; we are honored to have you as our guest!

GIVING OPTIONS: If New Life is your home church, there are four convenient ways to worship through giving: (1) in the offering box in the foyer on Sundays; (2) by mail-in at 750 Yosemite Drive, Ukiah; (3) online at newlifeukiah.com/give or by scanning the QR code on this bulletin; (4) through the Tithe.ly app, available on the iOS App Store or Google Play.

