

Distracted by False Spirituality

Colossians 2:16-23

Introduction:

Matthew 15:6 ...you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. **8** This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. **9** But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.

#1 – _____ 16-17

Your faith is not a bunch of legalistic rules but a loving relationship

1st – Special _____: Food & Drink

Mark 7:18 Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him unclean ? **19** For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body. (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean) **20** He went on: What comes out of a man is what makes him unclean. **21** For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery...

Acts 10:15 Do not call anything impure that God has made clean

2nd – Special _____: Annually, Monthly & Weekly

Galatians 3:24

Galatians 1:10 *Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

#2 – _____ 18-19

Your faith is not a mystical experience but a mentoring relationship

2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

1st-by delighting in self-abasement

2nd-and the worship of the angels,

3rd-taking his stand on visions he has seen

2 Peter 1:3 *His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

#3 – _____ 20-23

Your faith is not motivated by external appearance asceticism but an internal transformation of the heart

1st – An Ascetic lifestyle belittles our _____ with Christ 20

**2nd – An Ascetic Lifestyle makes us look like we’re trying to earn
God’s _____ 20-21**

**3rd – An Ascetic lifestyle is a human effort and does nothing for
us _____ 22**

Isaiah 40:8 *The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.*

John 17:17 *Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.*

Titus 1:14 *paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.*

1 Timothy 6:17 *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

**4th – An Ascetic Lifestyle is pre-occupied with our external _____
over our internal heart 23**

Conclusion:

1st-Know the difference between a Principle a _____.

2nd-Examine whether you’ve become more committed _____
than Christ

3rd-Trade-in empty _____ for internal relationship