

The Blindness of Legalism

John 5:8-17

I. _____ blindness (vv. 9-10)

Tradition...

- A. _____ from God's purpose
- B. _____ God's Word

II. _____ blindness (vv. 11-13)

Legalism...

- A. Desensitizes our _____
- B. Desensitizes our _____
- C. Desensitizes our _____

III. _____ blindness (vv. 14-17)

Three responses:

- A. Jesus _____ legalism
- B. The man _____ to legalism
- C. The Religious leaders _____ legalism

Sentence Sermon:

“Legalism blinds us and shifts our focus off of the truth of God's Word.”

Additional Verses:

- Matthew 23:1-33
- Micah 6:7-8
- Colossians 2:20-23
- Romans 14
- Matthew 5:20-48
- Isaiah 1:10-17
- Galatians 2:11-21
- Matthew 12:1-14

Questions to Ponder:

1. Why did Jesus incite controversy like this?
2. Why does Jesus tell the man to sin no more after he is healed?
3. What made the Religious leaders miss the miracle?
4. Why did Jesus seek the man out?
5. What was the sick man's true issue?
6. Why did the man turn Jesus in to the Jews?
7. What is legalism?
8. How do we differentiate between legalism and convictions?
9. How can we turn away from a legalistic mindset?