

10. What instances have you seen where some churches are still more concerned with being right than doing good?

APPLICATION:

- Have a position, but make sure you keep people more important than your position.
- When you aren't sure what to do, remember that it is always right to show mercy and always lawful be be loving.
- Spend more time being intentional in obeying the spirit and intent of the law rather than just the letter and extent of the law.

MEMORIZATION:

Matthew 22:37–40 (NIV) Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

CONCLUSION:

The Religious Establishment believed it was better to keep the Law of God even at the expense of practicing the Love of God. Jesus taught that it was best to practice the Love of God in order to keep the Law of God.

When it comes to the Bible, if you are in a church that is right at the expense of doing good, or believes all the parts of the Bible but misses the point of the Bible, *leave*.

When it comes to the Bible, if your church uses the Word of God as a means to withhold, hide, or minimize the Love of God, *leave*.

**5 REASONS
YOU SHOULD
LEAVE YOUR CHURCH**

1. [Group]

When it comes to sin...if your church talks, reacts, thinks, and behaves more like the Pharisees than Jesus...leave!

2. [Group]

“A good church is a bible believing church.”

3.

What is most important? :

to be lawful or merciful
good theology or a good ministry
to be consistent or compassionate
the Law of God or The Love of God
the extent or intent of the law

4.

Is it better to be right or
is it better to do good?

5.

All the Law and the Prophets
hang on these two
commandments.”

Matthew 22:40 NIV

6.

The intent of the Law brings
clarity to the extent of the Law.

7.

What good is it if you know the
parts and believe the parts,
but you miss the point?

8.

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the **Sabbath**. His disciples were **hungry** and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them.

Matthew 12:1 NIV

9.

When the Pharisees **saw this**, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is **unlawful** on the Sabbath."

Matthew 12:2 NIV

10.

He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?"

Matthew 12:3 NIV

11.

He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was **not lawful** for them to do, but only for the priests.

Matthew 12:4 NIV

12.

Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple **desecrate the Sabbath** and yet are **innocent**?

Matthew 12:5 NIV

13.

I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.

Matthew 12:6 NIV

14.

If you had known what these words mean, '**I desire mercy, not sacrifice**,' you would not have condemned the innocent.

Matthew 12:7 NIV

15.

1. It is always right to show mercy.
2. It is always lawful to be loving.
3. It is better to do good than just be right.

16.

For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

Matthew 12:8 NIV

17.

Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made **for man**, not man for the Sabbath.

Mark 2:27 NIV

18.

Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. **Looking for a reason** to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him,

Matthew 12:9-10 NIV

19.

“Is it **lawful** to heal on the Sabbath?”

Matthew 12:10 NIV

20.

Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do **good** or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?”

Luke 6:9 NIV

21.

He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?”

Matthew 12:11 NIV

22.

How much more valuable is a **person** than a sheep! Therefore it is **lawful to do good** on the Sabbath.”

Matthew 12:12 NIV

23.

Don't prioritize positions over people, nor being right over doing good.

Don't emphasize the letter of the law while ignoring the spirit of the Law.

24.

So in everything, **do** to others what you would have them **do** to you, for this **sums up** the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12 NIV

25.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever **loves others** has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8 NIV

26.

You can be right, but if you fail to do good, you're still wrong.

27.

But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

Matthew 12:14 NIV

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