

Why Train to Be Godly?

There are those who turn freedom into slavery to sin. This is the path of licentiousness. There are also those who turn righteousness into a slavery to rules. It doesn't matter if we are a slave to sin or a slave to rules. Slavery is slavery. Neither path leads us to God.

Scripture(s): 1 Timothy 4:1-5

I. The first description of false teaching that shows us why it is so dangerous is false teaching comes from _____. Any false teaching that takes us away from the _____ of a relationship with Jesus is demonic.

Galatians 2:11-21 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.... 20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

II. The second description of false teaching that shows us why it is so dangerous is it delivered by _____ consciences. A false teacher does not care if they are wrong as long as they can accomplish their goal of getting others to _____ them.

2 Peter 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

III. The third description of false teaching that shows us why it is so dangerous is it trades God's way of life for a _____ counterfeit. A life lived under rules is a _____ of the life lived in relationship to God.

Jeremiah 35:13-14 13 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction by listening to My words?" declares the LORD. 14 "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are observed. So they do not drink wine to this day, for they have obeyed their father's command. But I have spoken to you again and again; yet you have not listened to Me.

Remember this - False teaching is not _____ or conservative. False teaching denies the sufficiency and _____ of Jesus.

Our challenge: See the continuous conversation and walking with Jesus as the _____ characteristic of your righteousness.

1. Reject as small religious experiences where you do not push through to the _____ or majesty of Jesus.
2. Test all voices in your life by how much they call you to come _____ to Jesus.
3. Make it your ambition that the Word of God and prayer lead you in your decisions rather than _____, man's opinion, or sinful _____.

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