



One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, He was being carefully watched. There in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the Law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, He healed him and sent him away. Then He asked them, "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?" And they had nothing to say. **Luke 14: 1-6 (NIV)**

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP OUT OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN

CONCERN WITH, BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF \_\_\_\_\_

AND \_\_\_\_\_ SENSE!

### 1) CONVICTION: AN UNDERSTANDING OF \_\_\_\_\_

#### \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUCTION.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the Law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former." **Matthew 23: 23 (NIV)**

"You're hopeless, you religion scholars and Pharisees! Frauds! You keep meticulous account books, tithing on every nickel and dime you get, but on the meat of God's Law, things like fairness and compassion and commitment – the absolute basics! – you carelessly take it or leave it. Careful bookkeeping is commendable, but the basics are required. Do you have any idea how silly you look, writing a life story that's wrong from start to finish, nitpicking over commas and semicolons?" **Matthew 23: 23-24 (THE MESSAGE)**

### 2) COMPASSION: HOW WE \_\_\_\_\_ BIBLICAL TRUTH.

If, however, a bull has had the habit of goring and the owner has been warned but has not kept it penned up and it kills a man or woman, the bull must be (put to death) and the owner also must be put to death. However, if payment is demanded of him, he may redeem his life by paying whatever is demanded. **Exodus 21: 29-30 (NIV)**

### 3) COMMON SENSE: USING OUR \_\_\_\_\_ TO

#### \_\_\_\_\_ HIS WORD!

So taking hold of the man, (Jesus) healed him and sent him away. Then He asked them, "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?" And they had nothing to say. **Luke 14: 4-6 (NIV)**

Let the Word of Christ – the Message – have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. **Colossians 3: 16 (THE MESSAGE)**

As a matter of fact, do everything that way, heartily and freely to God's glory. At the same time, don't be callous in your exercise of freedom, thoughtlessly stepping on the toes of those who aren't as free as you are. I try my best to be considerate of everyone's feelings in all these matters; I hope you will be, too. **1 Corinthians 10: 32-33 (THE MESSAGE)**

### Next Steps:

- I am going to address the following imbalance in my faith experience:  
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- Today I am putting my trust in Jesus – I am now a follower of Christ.