

Do-It-Yourself Religion
Colossians 2:16-23
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Verse: Colossians 2:16-17

Homework: Colossians 3

Col 2:16-23 Watch out for “Do-it-yourself religion!”

- Watch out for prejudiced judges! 2:16-17
 - Extraneous Additions
 - Eat/ Drink – See 1 Cor 8-10.
 - Religious Festival/ New Moon Celebration
 - Sabbath days
 - Shadows vs. Substance
 - The above list has no weight/ bearing/ consequence.
 - These judges have no authority! See Col 2:13-14 & Gal 4:17
 - Non-essentials! See Rom. 14:5-6; 1 Cor. 8:8
 - The reality/ substance is found in Jesus Christ!
- Watch out for illicit umpires! 2:18-19
 - Unrighteous Referees – Disqualified for the prize!
 - Super-spiritual Puffery
 - False humility – Proud to be the most humble person...
 - Worship of Angels – Ecstatic Experiences
 - Symptoms:
 - They talk about what they don’t really know...
 - Their unspiritual thinking is spiritual nonsense...
 - They are disconnected...
- Why go back to the shadow rules? 2:20-23
 - You have died with Christ, why are you acting like you still belong to them?
 - They no longer have power or authority over you – see 2:15!
 - They are based on human superstition!
 - They appear to be spiritual, but are a waste of time!

Key:

- Where is your focus?

Application:

- Why settle for less than Jesus?