

Religious Rage
Luke 5:33-6:11
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Understanding religious rage.

1. They practice their faith **ritualistically**. (v.33-35)
 - a. Jesus said, There is a time for **feasting** (v.34)
 - b. Jesus said, there is a time for **fasting** (v.35)
 - c. So what was the problem? Is 29:13
 - d. Ritualistic religion will **substitute** the forms, styles and traditions for truly seeking and serving God with joy.
2. They won't even contemplate **change**. (v.36-39).
 - a. **Judaism** could not mesh with the new covenant (v.36).
 - b. Judaism could not **contain** the new covenant (v.37).
 - c. Judaism was happy to keep **drinking the old wine**.
3. They institutionalize their religious practice. (6:1-10)
 - a. Our religion has become a burden instead of a blessing when rule keeping is a **higher priority** than immediate human need (6:1-5).
 - b. Our religion has become a hindrance instead of a help when mercy and compassion are **sacrificed** to maintain religious norms and forms (6-11). 2 Tim 3:5
 - i. **Callous** hearts elevate rules! (v.7)
 - ii. In tender hearts **love** rules! (v.9) Gal 5:14
 - iii. In all cases **Jesus rules!** – (v.8, 10)
4. They enshrine their religious **preferences**. (v.11)

Stop and Think:

- Has my Christian practice become **heartless**?
- Am I against all **change** even in method and style?
- Are my religious opinions so **rigid** that it pushes away the lost and hurting?
- Have I made a **shrine** out of preferences?
- Do I love people like Jesus or do I love our **old familiar way**?
- Do these things make me **angry**?