Pathetic Practices
Colossians 2:16-23
Focused: A Life Centered on Christ

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## Avoid the temptation of...

## **Hyper-Religious Stuff (16-17)**

Expectations of what you think others want you to do.

When you are working to perform for others.

No one is to act as your judge. Don't let them be your spiritual referee.

### **Hyper-Experiential Stuff (18-19)**

My own expectations of God for me.

They are always talking about what God could do, but they are not rooted in their faith. Prideful experience seekers.

# **Hyper-Disciplined Stuff (20-23)**

Expectations I have of me in performing for God. I'm doing this so I must be really, really good. You are disciplined... but do you love God??

# **Questions for Discussion:**

What are some examples that can be observed in our day of:

- Hyper-religious stuff?
- Hyper-experiential stuff?
- Hyper-disciplined stuff?

Why are these a temptation for us anyway?

What are the dangers of these extremes for us?