

The Road Less Traveled





Am I Living in the "Ought" of God?

(Luke 13 vs. 10-17 NIV)

What to choose

Would you choose

Customs or Compassion?

Jesus' Agenda

**18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the
prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
(Luke 4 vs. 18-19)**

Compassion in Practice

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

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Compassion in Practice

We have a moral responsibility to those at the margins of society, therefore compassion ought to move us from passivity to action.

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Customs in Practice

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Customs in Practice

Our priorities should be re-examined when our religious activities prevent people from coming to Jesus Christ.

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Principles Matter

15 The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?"

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¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

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Principles Matter

The need of the individual should be our highest priority because they are made in the image of God.

Jesus' Agenda

Whose agenda are you following?

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