

FROM RELIGION TO RELATIONSHIP...PART II

Tool #3 – Understand how religion and relationship intertwine (continued)

The next exercise demonstrates how religious practice can be implemented without relationship with God. Names ways in which one can defeat the principles of God while staying in boundaries of religious practice.

Religious Practice	Scripture - Principle	Defeat Principle w/ Religious Practice
Women wearing no pants	I Tim 2:9 – Modest Apparel	Women wearing mini skirts
Eating no meat		
Wearing no jewelry		
Celebrating no holidays		

6. How important is it to understand the principles of God for those situations that are not spelled out in the Word of God?

Tool #4 – Do not judge a person based on their religion

- 7. Are all of God’s children in your religious institution? John 10:16
- 8. What does the Word of God say about sentencing individuals? Matthew 6:37
- 9. Are all people at the same stage with their growth in Christ? I Corinthians 3:2
- 10. Does God think or act as we do? Isaiah 55:8
- 11. How does the Word of God address arrogance? Romans 12:3

CONCLUSION

The Word of God clearly states that you should obey those who have rule over you. This also means understanding the principle behind the practice. There are some practices that God gives on an individual basis, for various situations. We are not ones to judge those practices because as we know, our thoughts and ways are not His thoughts and ways. True worship and obedience to God spring from understanding the principles of God. Take some time and think on particular religious practices in your organizations and determine whether or not you are clear on the biblical principle behind the practice.