

Announcing the

# SON OF GOD

from Mark's Gospel

**Two Sabbath Stories,  
One Key Question**

**Mark 2:23-3:6**



# Spiritual Passion

“<sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

<sup>31</sup> The second is this:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.’”

Mark 12:30-31



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day  
...not a burden

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# 1. When we add to God's directives.

“<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> And the Pharisees were saying to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?’”

**When does  
spiritual passion  
go bad?**

**Mark 2:23-24**

# Spiritual Passion

“<sup>5</sup>Every word of God proves true;  
he is a shield to those who  
take refuge in him.

<sup>6</sup>Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke  
you and you be found a liar.”

Proverbs 30:5-6

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“<sup>20</sup> Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: <sup>21</sup> “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? <sup>22</sup> These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. <sup>23</sup> Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.”

Colossians 2:20-23

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## 2. When we misuse God's Word.

“<sup>3</sup>Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in someone else’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>How can you say, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from the other person’s eye.”

**Matthew 7:2-5**

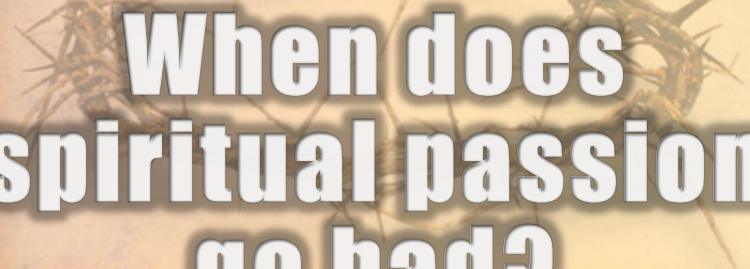
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3.

## When we choose to major on the minors.

“<sup>17</sup>In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. <sup>18</sup>In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup>No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God’s approval.”

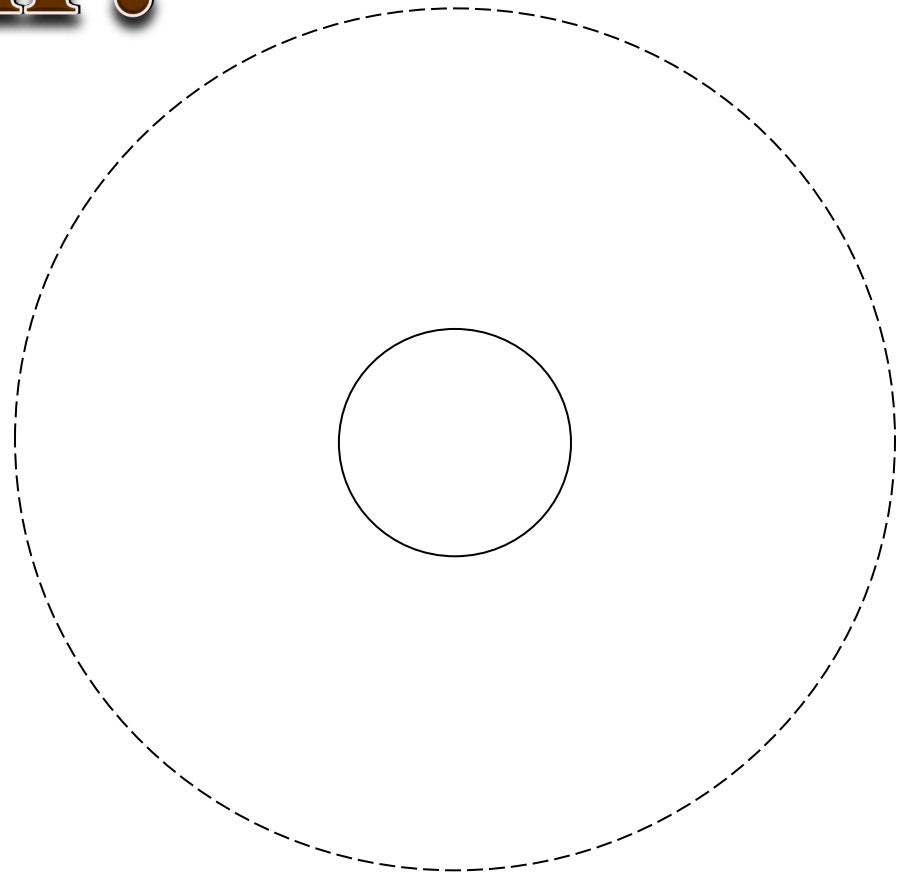
**1 Corinthians 11:17-19**



**When does  
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**What am I  
majoring on?**



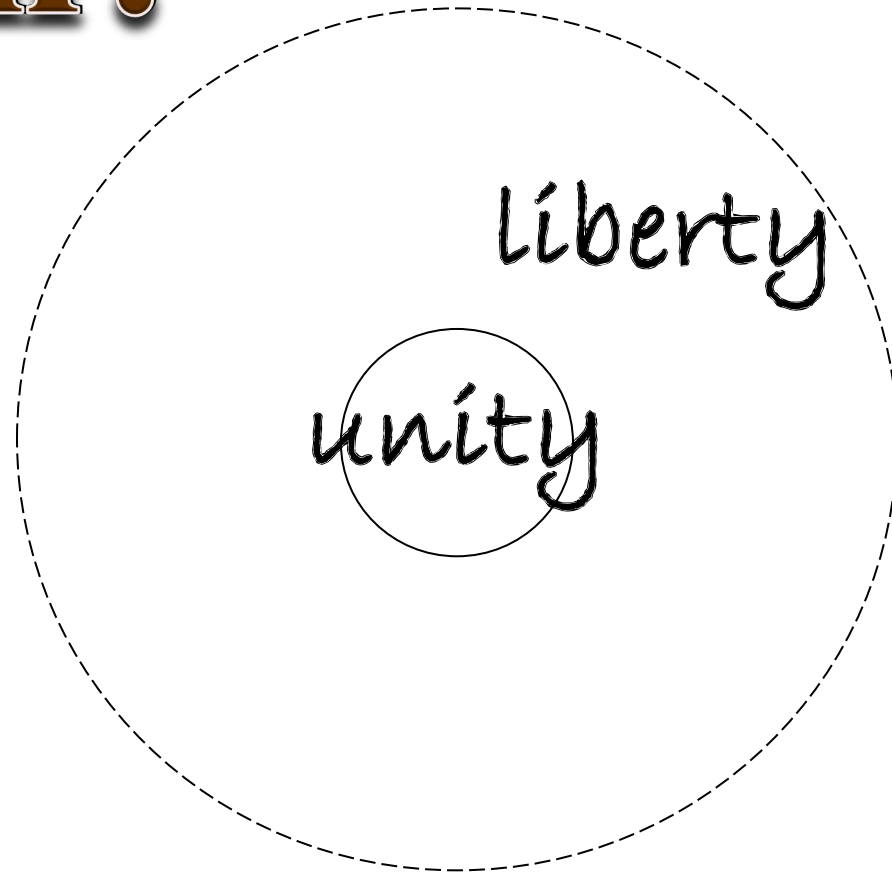
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unity



# What am I majoring on?



# What am I majoring on?



charity

liberty

unity



# Challenge



**What do I love more**  
rules or people?