

God's Plan A, Our Plan B

Part 2 – Is That Legal?

Intro/Review

Our culture: we decide what is “good” for ourselves.
How often do you depend on your “own eyes” based on your desires?

Now armed with self-determination, we tend to relate to God through RULES.

Just tell me what to do, so I can choose/conform.

Is it Legal?

Galatians 3:1-14

2-3 Spirit didn't come through Law
not perfected through flesh (works)

5-14 Christ (faith) not law

14 in Christ - relationship

Law can't give life (relationship w/God)
so can't give “right-ness”

Wisdom instead of Rules

2 Timothy 3:14-17 wisdom leads to salvation (life)
law does not lead to life

Matthew 7:24-27 Acting on Jesus' words (teaching-not rules)

Romans 12:2 Renewing mind (way of thinking) Will then know God's will

Solomon given wisdom, not rules

1 Kings 3:28; 4:29

He didn't use O.T. as rule/law book

Proverbs 1:7; 2:2-6

fear (reverence) of the Lord

Lord gives wisdom & understanding

Ask for it

Application

Spirit doesn't come through law

You will not be perfected/grow by flesh/works

(Galatians 3:2-3)

We are transformed by replacing our judgement-our tendency & will to make our own determinations – to decide for ourselves
and surrender (called repenting) – commit to Jesus (life)

Renewing our mind

Hear words/teaching & obey

Read to listen & know (not find rules)

Pray to commune/connect (the empty chair)

TO BE CONTINUED... NEXT WEEK:

The pressure to CONFORM

To be good & look right!