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Freedom to Love

Galatians 5:1-15

I can try to make myself righteous before God by focusing on His laws or I can accept Jesus' righteousness on my behalf and focus on my faith in Him...but I cannot do both. They are two purposes _____ of one another.

Discussion 1. Can you think of any reasons someone in prison might want to stay in prison even after he/she is set free? Does that illustration help you understand why we might feel “drawn” to live under the law instead of in the freedom of Christ?

The prevailing outward manifestation of a life of legalism is judgment; the prevailing outward manifestation of living in the Spirit is _____.

Discussion 2. Why do you suppose it is so difficult for someone living “under the law” to love others well?

The law as a means of righteousness before God is an enticing distraction. It causes us to take our _____ so that the love to which we are called feels more and more elusive.

Discussion 3. What is about trying to earn our righteousness before God that we find so enticing? How/why do we get drawn into it so easily?

Living under the law always leads to judgment and condemnation. Living in the Spirit always leads to _____ for others, even when it makes no sense to love them.

Discussion 4. Can you recall an example of the Spirit giving you a love for someone whom the world might have said you need not love, i.e., when you felt a love for someone that could not have come from any place other than the Spirit? Have you ever been the recipient of such love...a time when you did not deserve to be loved but were loved anyway?