

## Breaking the Bondage of Legalism

*(p.250 in the book with the same title)*

The Way of Liberty (The Christian...)	The Way of Legalism (The Christian...)
Hungers for God's Word and listens for God with eagerness	Critiques the pastors sermon
Lives a life focused on and centered around God	Lives a life focused and centered around self
Fears God in a healthy way	Fears people
Gets angry at sin	Is angry or bitter toward, God, others or self
Attends church services as an overflow of relationships	Attends church services out of tradition and with a sense of duty
Serves God out of love and delight	Serves God out of drivenness and duty
Receives truth from God and is humbled	Accumulates head knowledge and information, and becomes proud
Rejoices with those who rejoice and weeps with those who weep	Is stifled in experience appropriate emotions
Rest in being accepted by God	Performs in order to gain acceptance and approval
Surrenders control	Has to be in control
Yields the "right to be right"	Has to be right
Treats others with grace	Puts others under the law
Is secure in Christ, even in the midst of trial	Is filled with anxiety and complaining
Is accepting and compassionate	Is self-righteous, judgmental, and critical
Is willing to change and grow	Resists change and clings to traditions of men
Is willing to be of no reputation	Is very concerned about image and reputation
Walks in the light and is honest about sin	Hides or denies sin
Is willing to admit when wrong	Struggles with saying "I was wrong"
Is lead by the Spirit of God	Is driven by the flesh
Lives by Christ's life flowing from within	Lives by rules imposed by self or others
Is dependent upon the Holy Spirit	Relies on resources of religious tradition
Bears fruit and glorifies God	Lives a defeated life