





# Without Neglecting the Others

Matthew 23:23

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- The Law commanded tithing the yield of seed (**Lev. 27:30; Deut. 14:22**)
  - Used to support the priests and Levites (**Num. 18:26**)
- Jesus was not critical of their care in obeying the law
- Jesus earlier taught that all the law “hangs” on the two commands to love God and to love your neighbor (**22:40**)
  - The great commands **do not** nullify, but summarize the others

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- Jesus condemns elevating ordinance keeping **at the expense** of compassion and living one's profession
  - By contrasting their meticulous effort to tithe spices
- Commandment keeping is not minimized
- Jesus said, *“These you **ought** to have done...”*
- No commandment can be “left aside”

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- The problem was not in their obedience, but in their neglect
- We cannot neglect one of God’s commandments in any effort aimed at honoring Him **(Mark 7:9-13)**
  - That would be **“straining at gnats and swallowing camels”! (24)**
- We must do all God commands motivated by His foundational principles  
*“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” **(Micah 6:8)***

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- **Justice** “means here right judgment of our fellow-men”
  - An indicator of our love for God and our fellow man
  - “you tithe... and neglect justice and the love of God” (**Luke 11:42**)
- Me seeing others like God sees them
- Me treating others without partiality
- Me doing what is right toward all others at all times

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- **Mercy** means “forbearance toward the guilty and compassion toward the suffering”
  - Like God has shown me (**Titus 3:5**)
- Toward all (**James 2:13**) and especially my brethren (**Gal. 6:1**)
- Taking pity on **and** action for those in need (**1 John 3:17-18**)
- Jesus promised the “*merciful*” shall “*obtain mercy*” (**Mt. 5:7**)

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- **Faithfulness** “is both the belief in truth and the habitual manifestation of that belief in the life”
- Faithfulness is **demonstrated** proof of faith
  - “I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints” (**Philemon 1:5**)
  - An observable fruit of the Spirit (**Gal. 5:22**)



Trust and Obey



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**Faithfulness** is giving God what He is due

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