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A Simple Invitation

Luke 5:27-29

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. (Luke 5:27-29, NIV)

Follow Me

Jesus' invitation issued to Matthew and to many others recorded in the Gospels, makes it abundantly clear that Jesus' invitation was not an invitation to follow a bunch of rules, but to a relationship with Him.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. (Matthew 23:27-28, NIV)

When I choose religion over relationship:

- 1. I focus, first and foremost, on "the rules."**
 - In the essentials, we have unity.
 - In the non-essentials, we have liberty.
 - In all things we have charity. (Love)
- 2. I focus on making sure my good outweighs my bad.**
- 3. I become obsessed with other people's sins.**