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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELATIONSHIP AND RELIGION

Whenever religious activity, however sincere, trumps relationship, the victory of Christ is no longer experienced in the believer's life. One of the greatest dangers in our churches today is when religion replaces an intimate relationship with the Savior. By religion, I mean external adherence to rules and practices in the name of God. For example, if you go to church because it is the religious thing to do rather than because you are motivated to spend time worshiping God, learning about Him, and experiencing Him, that is mere religion. Religion is anything you do for God that does not stem from a heart connected to God...

We serve a mighty God who is all-powerful, but never forget that He is closer than you think. He cares for you. His love is to be your driving passion in putting Him first. God doesn't want you serving Him only because you are supposed to, but because you love Him. He wants your obedience, your prayer life, and all else to flow out of your relationship with Him rather than out of religious duty. Instead of being defined by what you do, God wants you to be defined by who you know – Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Dr. Tony Evans

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

