

*It is not the law that we bind ourselves
and others to – but the Spirit*

July 1

The letter of the law condemns, criticizes, rejects, and kills but the Spirit of the law embraces, restores, encourages, and gives life. Law demands judgment while mercy frees us from the penalties and punishment of the law. When we judge ourselves and others by the letter of the law we often become harsh and set ourselves up to think and act as though we are policemen, judge, jury, jailer, or executioner. The law divides.

The Spirit of God is a spirit of mercy and we as God's children do not bind ourselves to the letter of the law but rather to God's intent ... and God never intended to divide Himself from His children or His children from one another. Be merciful.

Prayer for Today

Father forgive me where I have been critical, harsh, judgmental, or condemning toward others and even toward myself. Show me Your mercy and teach me to be merciful toward others and myself as well. Help me to understand the Spirit of the law and not just the letter.

Scriptures for Today

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (NKJV)

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. (NKJV)