

## ***It's All About The Rules***

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)*

- Rules usually influence only the \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of people. Rarely do they influence their \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.

Who were the Pharisees?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ were focused on the rules
2. Jesus and the Pharisees were in conflict because of a different \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 22:34-40*

3. Jesus' focus was not about the rules but about the \_\_\_\_\_

*John 3:1-21*

### **Applications:**

1. When the desire for \_\_\_\_\_ exceeds the desire for a relationship with Jesus, everything that results is a \_\_\_\_\_ of real faith.

**How much of your religious activity is about pursuing something other than intimacy with Christ?**

***Notes:***