

Luke Lesson 26 Handout

Luke 5:33

³³And they said to Him, "The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the disciples of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?"

³⁵"But the days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days."

³⁶And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.

³⁷"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined.

³⁸"But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

³⁹"And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.' "

Luke 6:1–11 (NASB95)

¹Now it happened that He was passing through some grainfields on a Sabbath; and His disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating the grain.

²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

³And Jesus answering them said, "Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,

⁴how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?"

⁵And He was saying to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

⁶On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered.

⁷The scribes and the Pharisees were watching Him closely to see if He healed on the Sabbath, so that they might find reason to accuse Him.

⁸But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!" And he got up and came forward.

⁹And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?"

¹⁰After looking around at them all, He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so; and his hand was restored.

¹¹But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

I received a list of qualifications for church workers published by a church that has the distinct flavor of

legalism. This is a fairly comprehensive list of actions that the church considers sins worthy of stripping Christian workers of their duties in the church. It is not as comprehensive a list as could be taken from other denominations that are much more legalistic.

The list for both sexes included not tithing, failing to attend church or being late for church, watching movies that are not G-rated, listening to country-western, rock, rap, or contemporary Christian music, using tobacco, alcohol, or non-medicinal drugs.

For men, the list goes on to include wearing shorts; having hair that falls below the collar or is not cut above the ears; wearing an earring or a necklace; going without a shirt; wearing "unisex" fashions; or failing to trim your mustache or sideburns. (Beards were not mentioned; I do not know if they are allowed at all.)

For women, the list includes wearing shorts or pants; having short hair; wearing a skirt that does not completely cover the knees; wearing a skirt with a split hem; wearing a blouse with a low neckline or any sort of see-through clothing; and wearing heavy makeup.

A person breaking any one of these rules would either have to "repent of these sins" or resign their post.

Galatians 3:24–25 (NASB95)

²⁴Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Romans 10:4 (NASB95)

⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Galatians 2:16 (NASB95)

¹⁶nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Galatians 3:13 (NASB95)

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—

Luke 5:38¹¹ "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

³⁹"And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.' "

Jeremiah 31:31–33 (NASB95)

³¹"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

³²not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

³³"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will

put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.



In my other life I was a Mormon

Been there, done that, wore the white shirt and tie.

Jeffrey Dragha – 5th generation Mormon – missionary

Mormon Rules: The List

Because so many people ask us about the “Mormon Rules” I’ve put together a list of the many things that are required of Mormons in order to be a faithful member in “good standing”.

1. **Pay 10%** of your Gross (before tax) income, aka Tithing. In addition, contribute extra amounts to various church funds such as Fast Offering, Missionary fund, Building fund, etc.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

⁷So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Matthew 23:23 (NASB95)

²³Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and

faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

2. **Do not question Mormon authority.** Mormons are taught that when their “prophet” speaks it is coming from God. They are told that when the prophet speaks the thinking has been done. Members are expected to obey whatever they are told without any hesitation or skepticism.

Hebrews 1:1–2 (NASB95)

¹God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

²in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

3. **Fully believe in** and frequently reiterate that **you know the Mormon church is true**, the *only* true church which was formed by Joseph Smith after his claimed face to face visit with God.

John 14:6 (NASB95)

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

4. Pass a **worthiness interview** yearly so you can attend the temple where you **perform religious ordinances for the dead** and learn the **secret phrases** and motions that will **supposedly enable you to enter heaven.**

Why do Mormons practice proxy baptism for the dead? By **Dan Gilgoff**, CNN.com Religion Editor

For Mormons, baptizing the dead solves a big theological problem: How do billions of people who never had the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ – including those who lived before Jesus walked the earth – receive salvation? By baptizing the dead, a practice known as posthumous proxy baptism, Mormons believe they are giving every person who ever lived the chance at everlasting life. That includes Muslims, Hindus, atheists, pagans, whoever.

“Mormons believe that there is a place the dead go where they are in ‘spirit prison’ and where they have the chance to accept the Christian baptism,” says Richard Bushman, a Mormon scholar at Columbia University. “But it’s a duty to actually perform Christian ordinance of baptism, so Mormons seek out every last person who ever lived and baptize them.”

Many Mormons are proud of the fact that they attempt to make their faith universal through baptizing the dead. “Historically, Christians have been exclusive,” says Terryl Givens, an expert on Mormonism at the University of Richmond. “Catholics have taught that only Catholics are saved, and evangelicals say only if you confess according to their tradition. Mormons say, ‘No, salvation is open to all people.’”

“In that sense Mormonism is the most nonexclusive religion in the Christian world,” Givens says.

Hebrews 9:27 (NASB95)

²⁷And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

5. Once you attend the temple for the first time you will **begin wearing the special underwear** (called garments) which you **must wear day and night**. (You take them off for only the obvious reasons like bathing and intimacy but put them right back on.)

Matthew 23:4 (NASB95)

⁴“They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

6. **No smoking, no alcohol** (not even a little) **no coffee** (not even decaf), **no tea** (not even green tea!)

Ephesians 5:18 (NASB95)

¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

7. Get married early. No sex before marriage. No living together.

8. Have children early (right after you get married) **and have many.** Not having the financial resources to properly take care of your children is considered an "excuse" and is invalid.

9. Preach to your non-Mormon friends, family and co-workers and try to get them to become Mormon.

10. Do not associate with other non-Mormons (except when engaged in #9 above.)

11. Young Men (age 19) are to **serve a two year mission** to attempt to convert others to Mormonism. This is at their own expense. They are not allowed to visit family during this time. College is not considered a priority until *after* a mission has been served.

12. Women are expected to **marry only a man who has served a mission** (referred to as a "Returned Missionary".)

13. Attend all church meetings. 3 hours (*yes, three hours*) on Sunday, plus additional meetings for many other things. "Good" Mormons find a Mormon church even while on vacation and attend on Sunday. Young Mormon couples are known to get married on a Saturday and attend church the very next morning.

14. Follow a Dress code for church. Women cannot wear pants. Men should be wearing suits or at the very least a white dress shirt and tie.

15. **Accept and perform whatever church job** (aka "calling") they give you. This takes much additional time.

16. Every member is asked to **visit other members and teach a lesson** out of a manual once per month. This is known as Home Teaching for the men, and Visiting Teaching for the women.

17. **Fast** once per month [which to Mormons is no food *or water* for 24 hours.]

18. **Sundays are for church only**, no "worldly" activities are permitted [this includes shopping, dining out, recreational activities, kid's sporting events, etc.]

19. **Wear only very modest clothing:** this means no shorts above the knee, no low cut tops for women, nothing sleeveless, etc.

Acts 15:1–2 (NASB95)

¹**Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."**

²**And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue.**

Acts 15:10–11 (AMP)

¹⁰**Now then, why do you try to test God by putting a yoke on the necks of the disciples, such as neither our forefathers nor we [ourselves] were able to endure?**

¹¹But we believe that we are saved through the grace (the undeserved favor and mercy) of the Lord Jesus, just as they [are].

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NASB95)

⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

¹⁰nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.