

# HEAVY BURDENS

Matthew 23:4



# EXTREME IDEALS



- God calls on our time and attention in many diverse ways (1 Thess. 5:17; 2 Tim. 2:15; Deut. 6:6-10).
- But divided attention is not sin (1 Cor. 7:32-34, 28).
- Failure to divide your attention could actually be sinful (Mk. 7:10-13; 1 Tim. 5:8).
- It is men who create impossible ideals and call it sin when men fail (Matt. 23:4; 1 Jn. 5:3; Deut. 30:11).

# SIN THAT LOVE COVERS



- Love for one another is an important aspect in dealing with sin (1 Pet. 4:8).
- Notice the role of hatred in the rest of the quote (Prov. 10:12).
- We see the role of hatred and love in accusations of sin by the Pharisees (Matt. 12:7).
- Love does not erase actual transgression, but it will abolish perceived sin (Rom. 12:9-21).

# PREFERENCE MADE MORAL



- We all have a tendency to elevate our preferences and it often involves food (Rom. 14).
- People make sin out of where you buy your stuff (1 Cor. 10:25-26).
- They make sin out of how much you pay for stuff (Jn. 12:3-9).
- They make sin out of how healthy your purchases are (Prov. 13:4; 15:30; Isa. 17:4; 1 Cor. 9:25; 1 Tim. 4:8).
- This is not to say that all preferences are equal (Ecc. 2:13).
- It is to say that if there is sin, it is in the heart and not the food (1 Tim. 4:1-5).