



Matthew 12:1 At about that time Jesus was walking through some grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, so they began breaking off some heads of grain and eating them. ² But some Pharisees saw them do it and protested, "Look, your disciples are breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath."

1. It's absolutely amazing that these religious leaders are following Jesus around not to learn but to get their _____ and _____ back.

2. It is amazing how some people spend their time looking for things other people are _____.

3 Jesus said to them, "Haven't you read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry?"

3. There are seasons in the religious world where certain religious people choose to live by rules rather than by an ongoing and growing _____ with Jesus.

4 He went into the house of God, and he and his companions broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. ⁵ And haven't you read in the law of Moses that the priests on duty in the Temple may work on the Sabbath?

4. In reality, every day is the _____ as far as our time with Jesus is concerned.

6 I tell you, there is one here who is even greater than the Temple!

7 But you would not have condemned my innocent disciples if you knew the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.'

5. Your church is not your church. It is God's church. You don't worship to get. You are to worship to _____ and _____.

Romans 12:1 And so dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. NLT

8 For the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!"

9 Then Jesus went over to their synagogue,

10 where He noticed a man with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?" (They were hoping He would say yes, so they could bring charges against Him.)

11 And He answered, "If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn't you work to pull it out? Of course you would.

12 And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath."

13 Then He said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one!

14 Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus.

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6. Absolute power _____ the one desiring it. It corrupts to the point of being willing to do anything to keep it or get it back.



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**Bible Study
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