

## The Gospel According to Matthew

### “Beware the Little Things of Opposite Extremes”

Matthew 16:1-12

**On the Spectrum of Faith, the danger zones are on either extreme.**

1. Self-righteousness is Judgement without Mercy.
  - a. Following the Spiritual passions without knowing the guidance of the Law leads to self-indulgence.
  - b. Pursuing the passions of Spirituality without realizing the necessity of the law is self-indulgence.
  
2. Self-indulgence is Grace without Substance.
  - a. Following the Law without understanding the reason it was given leads to self-righteousness.
  - b. Observing the fullness of the Law and tradition without understanding the passion by which God gave is self-righteousness.
  
3. Self-denial is Christ’s Desire for Every Disciple.
  - a. What Jesus is hoping we will follow is Self-denial