

Questions for God
Why Is My Religion Not Working?
Isaiah 58:1-59:2

1. Because I make no distinction in *concepts*
 - A. In what I mean by *religion*
“A belief system (ideas and practices) associated with a higher power”
“An ecclesiastical denomination”
 - B. In what I mean by *spiritual*
“Having to do with other than physical/tangible”
“As opposed to secular”
 - C. In what I mean by *faith*
“An acknowledgment of credibility”
“A confidence in”

2. Because I am not *discerning* regarding God’s requirements
 - A. By ignoring the relationship between *spiritual cause and effect* (58:2-12)
When we see *actions as triggers*
When we are *selective even in actions*
 - B. By ignoring the *relationship* (58:13-59:2)
It is a difference between “*in order to*” and “*because of*”
Ultimately, it is the difference between a *God of works* and a *God of grace*,
the God who answers prayer

Commitment Time

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