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*Acts 13:10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?*



Some believers from the ranks of the Pharisees had taught that the Gentiles needed to be circumcised if they too got saved. Paul and Barnabas disputed this teaching. It became such a turmoil that the churches sought consensus by bringing this up to the apostles in Jerusalem and asked Paul and Barnabas to go there to talk to them. When they did, Peter rebuked the Pharisee believers by recounting how God had personally taught him that God was no respecter of persons. He further reasoned, "...why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples...?"

Today, as we create standards, we too may be guilty of placing yokes of burden upon the neck of the disciples, yokes that no one else was able to bear in the first place. We need to always be diligent to observe when standards of doing things "decently and in order" cross over the line and become yokes of burden if we want to emphasis the grace of God.

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