

8. It is safe to say that the Jews actually developed their traditions so that they could conveniently get around what?
9. The Jews of Isaiah's day had become ceremonial, superficial, and perfunctory in doing what?
10. How did God view the Jews' approach to righteous living in the days of Amos? How does He view that now?
11. When we do the right thing but we do it without any heart, simply going through the motions, we are in what spiritual condition?
12. What group were the copyists of the law of God?
13. What group separated themselves off from life in order to keep both the scribal law and the law of God?
14. The first thing to understand about verse 2 is that it was NOT about washing hands for what purpose?
15. The issue was what (in relation to hand washing)?
16. "The tradition of the elders" weren't necessarily unbiblical or anti-biblical. They were just what?
17. Jesus chose to zero in on the most important issue and that is how man-made rules and regulations in religion end up becoming what?
18. It is easy to slip into the habit of doing what with the religious rules and regulations you've established for yourself?
19. A second pit-fall of developing religious rules and regulations that don't contradict God's Word is what?
20. Are you guilty of doing what the Pharisees did with rules, regulations, and God's Word?
21. What is one example of a ritual/tradition that is not merely neutral but is actually unbiblical?
22. What is an example of people who substitute man-made religious activities in place of God's commands?
23. Where in the Old Testament do we find the two commands that Jesus pulls together to address the scribes and Pharisees?
24. The scribes and Pharisees were basically saying that they couldn't support their parents because they had done what with their finances?
25. Jesus was NOT confused by their supposed what?
26. What verse could the scribes and Pharisees point to, to try to justify their actions?
27. Do you ever try to come up with biblical support to justify your actions that are clearly not biblical? What is one area that comes to mind?
28. When we desire to get around something that we don't want to do and so we rationalize it, we do what with the word of God?
29. What is it called when we pretend to be what we are not?
30. Do any of the statements describing hypocrisy describe you?
31. We easily convince ourselves that it's not really a spiritual problem by doing what?

32. If someone were making you a scrumptious meal with several luscious ingredients, would it be a problem if a fly were in the mix?

33. God says that people who live in hypocrisy do what “in vain”?

34. We don’t have the right to play what game?

35. Do you ever find that you placate yourself by coming up with some supposed spiritual reason for not doing what God wants you to do?

36. What does God NOT want from us, (even if it is biblical) when there are areas of our lives that we are unwilling to address?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

**For Next Time:**

**1) Read Matthew 1:1-15:20**

**2) How would you define sin? Where does sin come from?**

**3) How do you pray after you sin? What does your prayer regarding that sin look like?**

**4) What are different things that the “heart” does (as seen throughout Scripture)?**

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**TRADITION!**

**Matthew 15:1-9**

**(Series #86)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**Tradition!**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. In Fiddler On The Roof, the Jewish family sought to keep its bearings by holding on to what?

2. When we hear the word, “traditions” we immediately think of some kind of what?

3. Does the term “traditions” always have a negative meaning?

4. The word “tradition” simply means what?

5. When Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to “hold the traditions” he is saying to them, “Hold on to...” what?

6. What makes “tradition” bad?

7. What are the 7 famous words of a dying church?

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