

I've heard it said that Jesus said a lot about tradition, nothing of which was complimentary. Why was that? How long does it take for a new, fresh, vibrant church, full of change-agents, to become a traditional church? What's good about tradition and what's its slippery-slope? Jesus was confronted by the spiritual watchdogs of His day. He recoiled with precise focus quoting the prophet Isaiah (29:13), "These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me." We who traffic in God's truth need to be exceedingly careful lest we, by lack of sincere, personal appropriation and application, fall victim to the predictably hardened hearts of tradition (Romans 1:21-23).

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Personal Application and Interaction

1. What do your traditions do to comfort you and give you confidence?
2. How is it that our Biblical convictions evolve into traditions?
3. What are your alternatives to “the traditions of the elders?”
4. How do some “biblically based traditions” tend to become ineffective for you?
5. How do you measure your conformity to God’s will?



What Trumps Tradition?

Mark 7:1-13

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