

Sermon Notes

People's Ways vs. the Word of God

Matthew 15:1-9

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Setting and background

Legalism - imposing on others our people-rules that are not the word of God

Ask someone close to you how you might be legalistic

Tradition - transmission of behaviors and beliefs

(some ref. to "honor": 1 Timothy 5:3-16, Acts 28:10)

In this case, the Pharisees tradition contradicted the word of God

Are you in danger of that?

Some contemporary traditions among Christians

Some contemporary cultural traditions influencing Christians

Hypocrisy - saying you believe something, and yet willfully disobey it,
often for your convenience

These are all symptoms of a heart that is not close to the Lord

Do you need to get your heart right with the Lord?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 3/16/2014 sermon
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Did you ask someone close to you how you might be legalistic? What did they say? Or what do you recognize about yourself? (Legalism - imposing on others our people-rules that are not the word of God)

From the examples Christian gave of contemporary “Christian” traditions and cultural traditions that Christians are buying into, did you identify any of those those you have fallen into? (see list on next page)

I know that’s hard to answer honestly. Do you say that you trust the Lord, but you don’t live consistently according to His word in your daily life?

Do you think there is any way you might need to get your heart right with the Lord? What do you think that might look like?

Bonus:

It wasn’t the point of the passage, but did you learn anything about honoring your parents that you realize you need to apply?

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?

Many Christians believe, “I don’t need to go to church. I can worship God on my own.”

Many Christians have given up personal evangelism, thinking it’s the job of the professionals.

Many Christians have given up personally making disciples, thinking it’s the job of professionals

Many Christians believe, “I serve God by serving my family,” with the implication being that they don’t need to serve in the church.

Many Christians believe, “God’s highest goal for me is to be comfortable and happy.”

Many Christians are adopting the contemporary cultural tradition that divorce, for all kinds of reason, is okay.

Many Christians are adopting the contemporary cultural tradition of just being their kids’ “buddy” instead of disciplining them.

Many Christians are adopting the contemporary cultural tradition that homosexuality and homosexual marriage is just fine, even for Christians.

Many Christians are adopting the contemporary cultural tradition of entertainment choices that incite coveting, lust, and are not honorable, pure, lovely, and excellent.