

*TO HELP US STUDY*

1. When the Pharisees did not eat until their hands were ceremonially washed, they were holding to a \_\_\_\_\_ of the elders.
2. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What had Isaiah prophesied about their worship? \_\_\_\_\_
4. They had let go of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God yet were holding on to the \_\_\_\_\_ of men.
5. Moses had told them to “\_\_\_\_\_ your father and mother.”
6. What were some of the Pharisees doing instead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. “Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather it is what comes \_\_\_\_\_ of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’ ”
8. Where do the things that make a man “unclean” come from? (v. 21) \_\_\_\_\_
9. What are some of the things that make a man “unclean” ?  
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*TO HELP US REMEMBER:* Young Ones—Mark 7:8  
Older Ones—Mark 7:6-8

*TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT*

Make a list of at least ten religious activities you have seen or participated in. For each of them, determine if it was based on a command of God, or a tradition of men.

*TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS*

Every family has its own special traditions. On a piece of paper, write down some of your family traditions and tell your children about them – how you learned them from “grand-daddy” or “Aunt Sue”. Then show them the Bible and explain that when it comes to serving God, we do not do things by tradition, but by God's word. Tell them that for some things tradition is good, but that our relationship to God is based on his word.

*FOR ADULT STUDY:* Matthew 15:1 & 10; 11:15; Luke 15: 2; Acts 15:10; Colossians 2:8; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:2; Hebrews 3:12.