

Questions Jesus is Asking- Why Break God's Commands for Your Traditions
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Matthew 15:1-9

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Tradition Preoccupation (v.7-9)

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- We undermine the authority of God's word.
- Our traditions become our focus.
- We miss the spirit of God's commands.

Andy Stanley~ “We are better at helping people become Christians than being Christians.”

Rules come with loopholes.
Relationships don't!

Acts 17:11

“Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ”

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