

The Teacher:
Culture, The Traditions of Man & The Commandments of God
Mark 7:1-13
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- Last Week: **Mark 6:52-56** The Signs of The Shepherd: The Seed & Recognizing The Healer

Tradition & Religious Traditions

- **παράδοσις** (parabosis) - handing down, transmission, transfer (**Mark 7:3, 4, 5, 8, 9**)
1. Defining _____ - *"the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation"*
 2. Defining _____ Tradition - *"the transmission of religious customs or beliefs from generation to generation...."*
 3. Defining Religious Tradition _____ - *"the transmission of religious customs or beliefs from generation to generation believed to have divine authority though not in the Scriptures."*

Lessons To Learn About Religious Traditions

1. Religious Traditions Do Not Reveal _____ (**Mark 7:1-5**)
 - Then:
 - Now:
2. Religious Traditions Can Lead To _____ (**Mark 7:6**)
 - Then:
 - **ὑποκριτής** (hypokrites) - pretender, actor, play-actor (**Mark 7:6**)
 - Now:
3. Religious Traditions Can Lead To _____ (**Mark 7:6-7**)
 - Then:
 - Now:
4. Religious Traditions Can Lead To _____ God's Word (**Mark 7:7-13**)
 - Then:
 - Now:

Steps To Move From God's Commandments To Religious Traditions (OR Cultural Preferences)

• STEPS NOT TO TAKE

1. **STEP ONE:** Teach Religious Tradition As _____ (Mark 7:7)
 - Cultural Approach - What Is Most Popular Is As Important As God's Word
2. **STEP TWO:** Ignore God's Word For _____ (Mark 7:8)
 - Cultural Approach - Culture Preferred Over God's Word
3. **STEP THREE:** _____ God's Word For Religious Tradition (Mark 7:9)
 - Cultural Approach - God's Word Is Rejected To Embrace What Is Popular Or Preferred
4. **STEP FOUR:** _____ The Word Of God For Religious Tradition (Mark 7:13)
 - Cultural Approach - God's Word Is Invalid For Our Lives & Community

What A Hypocrite Can Do To Please God

- **A** _____ You Need Jesus' Help With Hypocrisy
- **B** _____ Jesus Can Save You From Your Sin & Hypocrisy
- **C** _____ You Need The Word Made Flesh To Guide & Direct You

"Better be a sinner than a hypocrite." —Danish Proverb

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. What traditions are important in your life? In your family? In our church?
2. What place does tradition have? What insights and corrections does Jesus give us in Mark 7:1-13 to help us evaluate our traditions?
3. Look at the steps NOT to take when moving from God's commands to religious traditions and/or cultural preferences. How do you see these steps playing out in the world around you?
4. How does listening to Jesus help us see ourselves more clearly? How has Christ humbled you and helped you deal with your hypocrisy?

Suggested Reading: *Christianity & Culture*, J. Gresham Machen

<https://www.monergism.com/christianity-and-culture>

Key Words For Kids To Count: Tradition, Traditions