



**FAITH OF OUR FATHERS**  
**MATTHEW 15:1-20**  
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Diving Into The Message

**THE VALUE OF TRADITION**

- A. Tradition helps keep continuity with the past
- B. Tradition helps meet challenges in the present
- C. Tradition helps plan changes for the future

**2 CHRONICLES 7:14** says *'if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'*

**There are three keys to revival.**

HUMILITY  
HUNGER  
HOLINESS

**THE DANGER OF TRADITION**

- A. When it substitutes the commands of the elders for the commands of God
- B. When it elevates tradition over personal responsibility

TRADITIONALISM  
FORMALISM  
FANATICISM  
LIBERALISM  
LEGALISM

- C. When it promotes pious words rather than responsive heart
- D. When it schemes for manipulation, self-centeredness, and authoritative position are under the guise of Christ Kingdom.

**THE RESPONSE TO TRADITION**



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Life Application Questions

1. Identify traditions in the church.
2. What traditions in the church do you value most? Why?
3. Which traditions are biblical? Which are man made?
4. In what ways do traditions help the church?
5. In what ways do traditions hurt the church?
6. What man made traditions need to be shelved or changed in order to accomplish the great commission?