

A close-up photograph of a man with a beard and a dark cap, wearing traditional, heavy, textured clothing. He is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is a blurred, natural outdoor setting. The word "Tradition!" is superimposed in large, bold, black letters with a white outline across the center of the image.

Tradition!

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“A thing handed down”

- **Handed down by MEN.**
- **Handed down by GOD.**



Tradition!

Handed down by GOD

- 1 Cor. 11:2 = “Keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.”
- 2 Thes. 2:15 = “Stand fast and hold the traditions.”
- 2 Thes. 3:6 = “Withdraw from every brother who walks...not according to the tradition.”

Tradition!

From MEN or GOD?

- Singing without instruments = Eph. 5:19;
Col. 3:16?
- Lord's Supper every first day of the week
= Acts 20:7.
- Men in leadership = 1 Tim. 2:12.

Tradition!

If handed down by GOD:

- **2 Thes. 2:15 = Stand fast and hold onto them.**
- **1 Cor. 11:2 = Hold onto just as Paul had delivered them.**
- **2 Thes. 3:6 = Withdraw from brother who does not walk according to them.**

Tradition!

Handed down by MEN:

- **Mat. 15:1-9 = Three times**
- **Mark 7:1-9 = Five times.**
- **Gal. 1:14 = Paul jealous for before Christ.**
- **Col. 2:8 = Warning about empty philosophy, deceitful traditions of men.**
- **1 Pet. 1:18 = Aimless conduct.**

Tradition!

Mark 7:1-4

- **Ways of doing spiritual things beyond req. of Mosaic Law to ensure obedience to Law.**

Why?

- **It worked = Dan. 6:10.**
- **Gave service to God a sense of unified order = Ruth 4:7.**

Tradition!

Mark 7:5-9

When becomes a problem:

- **When violates law of God = 1 Sam. 2:12-14**
- **When replaces obedience to God = Mark 7:10-13.**
- **When treated as law of God = Mark 7:7.**
- **When worshiped as a god – Mark 7:8.**