



Traditions of Men and Commandments of Men

Many of us have been deceived and duped by the enemy big time. We have been lied to and brainwashed by the lies of the enemy.

Tradition is a long-established ritual, custom, or belief that is passed down from one generation to the next. Traditions of men are also known as commandments of men.

We need to revisit and examine many of the beliefs we have passed down from generation to generation and others from church that contradict God's Word.

1. **Text:** Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through **philosophy** and **vain deceit**, after the **tradition of men**, after the **rudiments of the world**, and not after Christ.
 - a) Beware = Be on alert, Be on guard.
 - b) Any man = This means anyone can spoil you.
 - c) Spoil = Cheat, enslave you, take you captive
 - d) Why would you be on guard? And if so against what? Arm robber? Fraudster? No!
 - e) Be on guard against:

- i) Philosophies, = System of thoughts, values, knowledge and beliefs. The Word of God ought to be the basis for your philosophy. The basis for your logic and a belief system.
- ii) Vain deceit, High sounding non-sense or empty delusion
- iii) Rudiments of the world—Rudiments = fundamentals and basic principles.

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Traditions of men

Traditions are simply defined as modern or older beliefs, practices, narratives, instructions, precepts, ways of life, norms, philosophies, attitudes, passed on from one generation to another that mostly aren't consistent with God's Word.

Religion is a tradition. Some people will reject the Word of God in favor of their religions. You can't have God and religion. You need to choose one. When Jesus came, He did not bring religion rather a relationship with God through faith in Him. Religion was invented by man, hence a tradition of men and it surely makes the Word of God of none effect.

Traditions and culture have in many ways hindered many from experiencing freedom and breakthroughs that comes through the Word of God. The more tradition a man has, the more bondage they will have. We need to kill then cremate or burry many of the cultural beliefs and traditions which violate the Word of God and after they have been killed you can have a funeral for them and move on to knowing God and intimacy with Him through His Word.

Traditions of men can blur the line between God's truth and man's beliefs, hence confusing many believers.

What is binding according to God is His Word God and what is not binding is the commandments of men also known as traditions of men. When the tradition becomes more important than the word of God, the tradition must go.

2. Matthew 15:1-9 1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. 3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is a gift*, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

3. Mark 7:1-13 1 Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. 2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. 3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash *their* hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. 4 And *when they come* from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brassen vessels, and of tables. 5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? 6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. 9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. 10 For Moses said, Honour thy father

and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: 11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is Corban*, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; *he shall be free*. 12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; 13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

- A) Jesus uses the moment of the tradition of washing of hands and teaches against the traditions of men that were making the Word of God of none effect.
- B) Holding the tradition of the elders
 - a) They were willing to go the extra mile about holding the traditions of their elders while neglecting the Word of God.
 - b) Unfortunately many in the church are committed to holding and keeping their traditions and religious traditions more than the Word of God.
 - c) Many leaders have rejected the Word of God as the absolute moral standard and have embraced their own invented beliefs, perversions, and traditions of men.
- C) And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, *as* the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.
- D) Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites
 - a) Jesus was pointing out hypocrisy of the Pharisees. "Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me."

- b) He was not against washing of hands before eating, but was pointing out the worst hypocrisy. They were so concerned about the unwashed hands than they were teaching people that it was okay to say to their parents that they gave to God and that relieved them of their support of their parents.

- E) in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.
 - a) Our worship is in vain if we are teaching traditions of men, not the Word of God.

- F) For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, *as* the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.
 - a) Here is the key issue. The Pharisees did not value the commandment of God or the Word of God, rather they held and observed the tradition of men more.
 - b) "Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."

- G) **Example of tradition of men Jesus was addressing:**

10 "For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: 11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is* Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; *he shall be free*. 12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

 - a) **Exodus 20:12** Instructs us to honor our Father and Mother, unlike what the religious thieves were saying.
 - b) In Jesus' time, the religious leaders (Pharisees) permitted people to sidestep their responsibilities to their parents by designating funds intended for parental care as offerings

instead. This practice conveniently served those who resented their parents and benefited those collecting the offerings.

- i) Marriage
- ii) Abortion
- iii) Same-sex relationships
- iv) Co-habiting
- v) Sex 'Test-drive'
- vi) Polygamy — days are gone where this is okay.

H) 13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye."

- a) Clearly, this commandment of the Pharisees made the Word of God void (powerless), of none effect.
- b) Additionally we have many other traditions that may not necessarily be church or religious traditions that contradict the Word of God. Any thing that does contradict the Word of God ought to be resisted and rejected. The serpent lied to eve through traditions of men and caused them to sin.
- c) Traditions of men that turn from the truth of God's Word lead men to sin and worshiping God in vain.

4. **1 Timothy 4:1-5** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having

their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

- a) Forbidding to marry
- b) Commanding to abstain from meats,
- c) (my grandmother says.... If you do not have a boy child, you need to go outside the marriage and get a boy) Wrong!
- d) You can get anything you want through sex.
- e) A boy has to have sex with any woman after he is circumcised (Bagisu Tribe).
- f) Infertility – If your wife cannot have a child, you can marry another who can? Furthermore, if she cannot give you a boy child, then have sex with another who can. Words used may be different but the bottom line is the same.

Don't judging them. Just extend grace to them. John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Healing on the Sabbath. Mark 3:1-5; Luke 13:10-17

- 5. **Titus 1:14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.
- 6. **Text:** Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service. ² And be not

conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- a) Transformation comes by renewing your mind. With what? Renew your mind to line up and agree with the Word of God.
 - b) I have been seeking and serving God for about 17 years now. And I can tell you that you want to watch what you believe and the source. The key to the Christian life is not how much you pray, go to church, or tithe—while all that is important, **it is the degree to which you have renewed your mind through the Word of God.**
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Main stream traditions of men:

#1: God is not good

- a) Psalm 119:68 "Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes."
- b) James 1:16-17 "Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."
- c) John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

Jesus revealed the Father to us—His Heart, will, ways, actions, thoughts, Words and deeds (Acts 10:38) —Went about doing good.

He said if you have seen me you have seen the Father. Many want to see the Father, but you do not have to. There is nothing more, Jesus is the fullness of the Godhead (Colossians 1:19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;)

If you have seen Him, you have seen the Father

#2: God is responsible for your problems: killings, deaths, destructions and the negatives.

One of the principles I live by is John 10:10. This has kept me afloat when things got bad or rough. You need to **set some defaults** in your life and they have to come from the Word of God.

- a) John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."
- b) Luke 9:54-56 "And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? [55] But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. [56] For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."

A. #3: Identity based on your physical appearance

They say you black or white. In Christ or in the Spirit you are not a Jew or Gentile, black or white, you are sexless.

- a) (1 Corinthians 12:13 " For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

In Christ = position in Christ as a Child. Two groups of people— believers or unbelievers.

- b) 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- c) Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- d) Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.
 - i) They then say You are victim because of your skin color, sex, weight or your height, you are an African, you are poor. No you are not.
- e) Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Do you know who you are, whose you are? You are a child of God. You are not bound by the limits set by man or the boundaries set by man.

- f) 1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

B. #4: God doesn't heal today.

AIDS, Cancer not matter the stage is no match for the Lord. If you knew what the Word teaches and how big my God is, you wouldn't even mention any disease in the same breath. Jesus is above every name.

"Do you have any history of this disease?" then if you had someone in your family you then yield and accept the fate news. Any thing that is not true based on the Word of God is fake news. It's not good news. It is meant to lie to us and deceive us.

Since when did medical science have the final say on when we die. We have been duped.

- a) Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."
- b) Matthew 4:24 "And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him **all** sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."
- c) Matthew 12:15 "But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;"
- d) Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."
- e) Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

C. **#5: God doesn't want you prosperous.**

People don't get upset when the people in the world get paid or compensated big money and have these huge material things like private Jets, big houses, but when it comes to a preacher, we get indignant and offended. Many think ministers of the Gospel shouldn't get compensated. They should be poor and work for free. Pastor Shadrack needs a jet. I would argue.

Money is not the root of all evil. If you believe it is, I'm going to Uganda (empty your bank account and give me all that evil money)—You won't do that. Why? Because you know money in itself is not what is evil. It is the love of money. Key word is love (1 Timothy 6:10). You do not have to be rich to love money. You can be poor and you love money.

Example of Henry. He was a poor man who loves money and robbed me and my family and he lost all opportunity.

- a) Deuteronomy 8:18 "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day."
- b) Job 1:1-3 "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. [2] And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. [3] His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east."
- c) Genesis 13:2 "And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold."
- d) 1 Chronicles 29:28 "And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead."
- i) David never died poor!
- e) 2 Chronicles 9:22 "And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom."

- i) 1 Kings 10:23
- f) 2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:"
 - i) All sufficiency in ALL things, not some things but all.
 - ii) Why all sufficiency in all things? In order to abound unto every good work.
- g) 3 John 1:2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."
 - i) Prosperity in all things.

D. #6: Jesus is not the only way

The world is working tirelessly to convince you and your kids that Jesus is just a way. Wrong! That is not what the Word of God teaches. Are you going to believe the world or the Word?

- a) John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

- i) This verse is saying that there are **not** many paths to God. Jesus is the only way, and there is no other way. God's only way of salvation is through Jesus (Acts 4:12).

- ii) Any other religion such as evolution, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, witchcraft and many more will only eternally damn people. They are manmade religions.

- iii) However, Christianity is not a religion but a relationship with God through Jesus Christ the Savior.

iv) Of all belief systems, we are the only faith that boasts a Savior. **We are the only faith that has our sins forgiven by putting faith in Jesus, our savior.** No other religion can boast that. We are the only faith with an assurance of salvation and eternal life.

a. All religions are not even sure; it's like "we will see when we get there." We are also the only faith that does not make people carry or pay for their own sins by placing them on their backs because no one can.

We are the only faith that receives salvation and forgiveness by only BELIEVING not by performance and DOING.

v) Faith in Jesus is so different from all other religions. Many of them get offended, but the truth is that faith in Jesus is different from all other religions because it is the only way.

vi) Jesus's claims leave no other option for salvation. He did not say He was "A way, A truth, and A life" but He claimed to be the ONLY way.

b) John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

E. **#7: You have to be a good person to go to heaven.**

First, I have to say that a good person varies from person to person but in the eyes of God, no one is good or righteous. Romans 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Secondly, **good people do not go to heaven. They go to hell.** Only believers in the Lord Jesus Christ have admission to heaven or the presence of God after they depart this life (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Romans 3:20 "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

a) Romans 3:28 "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

i) No matter how good you think you are, you aren't good enough to save yourself. Your goodness cannot save you. If it could, Jesus would not have come, and when He came, He died for the sins of all the world, not just a few who needed it the most. Romans 3:23 says "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

ii) Our good deeds still come short of the standard of God. No man is saved or will ever be saved through their good deeds. Salvation is a gift through faith. It is not a wage to be earned. No one can earn it.

F. #8: The Word isn't the Word of God.

One of the most significant arguments for the authenticity of God's Word (Bible) is the relationship and faith that Jesus Himself had with and in it.

Additionally, the Apostles quoted the over 209 times from the Old Testament and considered it "the oracles of God." The New Testament writers considered the Word of God accurate and infallible.

a) 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

b) 2 Peter 1:19-21 "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star

arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

- c) Psalm 19:79 "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether."

H. #9: We are all God's children.

Although God has created everyone, not everyone has a relationship with Him, and therefore His child. Only those who have made or accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are the true children of God (John 1:12) and possess the Holy Spirit of God inside of them can claim Him as their Father.

- a) Romans 8:15-16 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:"
 - i) When a person receives the Lord or places faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the spirit of God is sent into their hearts, and He bears witness with him that he or she is a child of God.
 - ii) Those who are in Christ Jesus are the children of God through faith. Anyone who does not have a relationship with God is not a child of God. Anyone who has not made Jesus Christ the Lord of their life is not a child of God. That person is a creation of God but not a child of God! Huge difference.

G. #10: Marriage

One of the greatest pushes from fake News both in the liberal media and within the church is that people or believers can marry whoever they are in lust— “love with.” They are working day and night to push a narrative, and ungodly belief system that it is okay for same-sex marriages and furthermore promote this cause which is entirely against the Word of God.

We have seen the push to redefine marriage from what the Word of God teaches. They say that they have a right to marry whosoever they want, but what does the Word of God teach? Does that mean they can also marry their children, parents or siblings? **Marriage as defined by God’ Word is under massive attack.** This is one of the reasons lawlessness has increased in society because this major fabric and foundation to society has been compromised and destroyed.

- a) Genesis 1:27 “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”
 - i) Marriage and sexual relations have a boundary according to God's Word, and that is strictly and only between two married people of the opposite sex (Man and woman), and to further clarify, specifically between a husband and wife, no exceptions.
 - ii) Some things in life have only one option. Marriage is one of them. Although some people may choose to do otherwise, God’s Word remains clear that marriage is between a man and a woman.

- o Genesis 1:28 makes it clear that reproduction only occurs between a man and a woman, no other option. If same-sex marriage was the way of life, those who are advocating for it could not be here today.
- b) Some people are so **deceived to think that sexual intimacy is a right**. For single, engaged, and divorced, your right is abstinence, no exceptions.
- c) Leviticus 18:22 "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."
- c) Genesis 2:23-25 "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."
- d)

What are you going to believe? The push is on; the pressure is high for you to give up God's original design and purpose for marriage for Satan's.

Leviticus 19:17 "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him."

We have to tell people the truth in love if we truly love them. Keeping silent is not a sign of loving people. People are being destroyed, and we have the **answer and solution**, yet many of us are afraid of saying anything because they will get offended. What this means is that we love ourselves more than we love others.

In conclusion:

People can receive deliverance and freedom from any destructive lifestyle. This freedom is found in a relationship with Jesus. **People must be born again (John 3:3).**

If we are going to have victory in our lives the first step is to shut off the ten Spies TV networks.

The second step is to pick the word of God and start renewing our minds. This process is critical because it will help us change our beliefs, opinions, values, philosophies, outlook on life and align them with the Word of God which would in return transform our lives.

The goal of my message is to trigger a passion, hunger, a search for you to get into God's word.