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Removing Our Inner Pharisee: Age-Old Traditions

John 3:16–17 - *“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.*

John 10:10 - *The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*

- **Jesus Had A Problem With Those Who Hindered People From Finding God**
- **Knowing God Is A Active, Personal And Everyday Relationship, Not A Religious Formula Created By Man**

Matthew 15:1-6 - *Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They asked him, ² “Why do your disciples disobey our age-old tradition? For they ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat.” ³ Jesus replied, “And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? ⁴ For instance, God says, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’ ⁵ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ ⁶ In this way, you say they don’t need to honor their parents. And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition.*

- **Traditions Should Help Us Understand God’s Word Better, Not Become Gospel Themselves**

Exodus 30:17–20 - *Then the Lord said to Moses, ¹⁸ “Make a bronze washbasin with a bronze stand. Place it between the Tabernacle and the altar, and fill it with water. ¹⁹ Aaron and his sons will wash their hands and feet there. ²⁰ They must wash with water whenever they go into the Tabernacle to appear before the Lord and when they approach the altar to burn up their special gifts to the Lord—or they will die!*

- **Traditions Should Never Take The Place Of God's Law**
- **Is It Possible That Our Zeal For God Has Stripped Us Of Our Compassion For People?**

John 8:36 - *So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.*

- **Granting Freedom Is God's Work, Not Ours**