

Series: The Not So Perfect Christmas

Theme: Traditions

Scripture: Mathew 15:1-6

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- † *Traditions are not the most _____ things.*
- *The purpose or the meaning behind the traditions, are what we should be hanging on to.*
 - *Sometimes however, our _____ actually obscure the purpose behind them.*
- † *Setting up the passage:*
- *Matthew 15 tells a story of Jesus being confronted by the Pharisees (the religious leaders).*
 - *The disciples weren't " _____ " before they ate bread.*
 - *It wasn't about hygiene however... it was about "tradition".*
- † *Matthew 15:2-3 "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!" [3] Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"*
- *We can condemn the Pharisee's for their _____, but the truth is many of us are doing the same thing...*
- † *Jesus is not condemning "tradition".*
- *But the moment tradition becomes _____ important than their purpose, that's when we have a problem!*
- † *Your Christmas _____ could make this Christmas season one of the most meaningful of your life.*
- *But the only way that happens is if you remember to make it all about _____!*