

## **Scriptures for Life**

## Traditions - Mark 7:9-13

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Mark 7:9 And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' 11 But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), 12 then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. 13 Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

Traditions can be good thing. They really can. They can also be fun and filled with meaning. However, if we place them above YHWH's instructions they can be dangerous just the same. And that is what the Pharisees were doing. They placed their traditions over YHWH's instructions. We may think we don't do anything like that. However, when was the last time we really checked?

Let this be a focus in your time of meditation throughout the day. Until next time, shalom!