



"Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus."

Mark 3:6

## **Traditions**

The ACCUSATION...you don't OBEY our TRADITIONS

"The essence of legalism is trusting in religious activity rather than trusting God.

It is putting our confidence in a practice rather than in a Person, and, without fail, this will lead us to loving the practice more than the Person."

Thomas a Kempis

"There's something comfortable about reducing Christianity to a list of do's and don'ts, whether your list comes from mindless fundamentalism or mindless liberalism;

you always know where you stand, and this helps reduce anxiety. With do's-and-don'ts you don't need wisdom. You don't have to relate personally to a demanding and loving Lord or rely upon His spirit to lead you."

**Robert C. Roberts** 

Traditions
The ANSWER

OBEYING the WORD
trumps following your
TRADITIONS

"Religious people love to hide behind religion. They love the rules of religion more than they love Jesus."

Michael Yaconelli

"LEGALISM doesn't need GOD.

LEGALISM is the search for innocence - not forgiveness.

LEGALISM is a systematic process of defending self, explaining self, exalting self, and justifying self.

LEGALISTS are obsessed with self - not GOD."

**Max Lucado** 

## Traditions The ANSWER FOCUS should be on the HEART and not EXTERNALS

Better to have a <u>CLEAN</u>
HEART and <u>DIRTY</u> HANDS
rather than a <u>DIRTY</u> HEART
and <u>CLEAN</u> HANDS!