



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send,  
And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here *am I!* Send me.  
Isaiah 6:8

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MATTHEW 15:1-14

**TITLE: BEING WHO I AM AND DOING WHO I AM WILL OFFEND SOME**

### INTRODUCTION

- A. People become offended for a variety of reasons \_\_\_\_\_
- B. We, therefore, as “Good Christians” try not to be offensive \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Offend = *Skandalizo* \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. To put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall
  - 2. The one whose foot gets entangled feels annoyed thus causing displeasure – “Offended”
  - 3. As women of God and men of God, we put impediments between those who are against God and the completion of their mission. They become annoyed with us and feel displeasure – “Offended”
- D. I do not desire to be offensive, however, being who I am and doing who I am will offend some \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Outside of the church
  - 2. Inside of the church

### JESUS COMPARED THEIR ACTIONS WITH GOD’S COMMANDMENTS

- A. They rebuked Jesus based upon their interpretation of the Law \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Ceremonial handwashing
  - 2. Also ceremonial washing of cups, pictures, copper vessels and couches (Mark 7:4)
- B. Jesus rebuked them based upon God’s Law \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?”
  - 2. God commanded, “Honor your father and mother” and “He who curses his father and mother, let him be put to death.”
  - 3. But you say, “Whoever says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever profit you might have received from me *is a gift to God*’—<sup>6</sup> then he need not honor his father or mother.”
  - 4. “Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.”
- C. In being and doing me, I rebuke based upon God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_

### JESUS PUBLICLY OPPOSED THEIR TEACHINGS AND SPOKE THE TRUTH

- A. “Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man” \_\_\_\_\_
- B. This is in direct opposition to their teachings \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Speaking the truth puts us in direct opposition with those speaking lies and error \_\_\_\_\_

### THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES WERE OFFENDED

- A. Disciples, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Of course Jesus knew... \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Should it matter? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. When we speak the truth, people will be offended... \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Should it matter? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. The question is: What about the blind? \_\_\_\_\_