



## CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: MARK 7:1-23

TITLE: EATING TO LIVE VERSUS LIVING TO EAT:  
WHY WE STILL CANNOT EAT IT

### PROBLEM OBSERVED: UNWASHED HANDS

- A. Religious leaders saw the Disciples eating with defiled (unwashed) hands \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Pharisees and Jews do not eat unless: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. They wash their hands in a special way
  - 2. Holding the tradition of the elders
- C. Returning from the marketplace, they do not eat w/o washing themselves \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Also, many other things they observe: washing cups, pitchers, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

### PROBLEM DEFINED: THE TRADITION OF THE ELDERS

- A. The Disciples were not walking according to the tradition of the elders \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Jesus' response: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Honor: They honored God with words, but not with their heart
  - 2. Worship: Their worship was ineffective
  - 3. Teaching: They taught as doctrine, human rules and ideas
  - 4. They ignored God's commandments, and held on to human traditions
  - 5. They cleverly sidestepped God's commandments, to keep their traditions
  - 6. For example, Corban (A gift dedicated to God)

### PROBLEM RESOLVED: DEFILEMENT COMES FROM WITHIN

- A. There is nothing that enters a person from outside which defiles \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The things which comes out of a person are the things that defile \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Why? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. It does not enter the person's heart
  - 2. It enters the person's stomach and is eliminated
  - 3. Therefore, the food is clean
  - 4. What food? The food allowed by the law to be eaten although they had ceremonially unwashed hands
  - 5. From within, out of the heart proceeds...

### WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

- A. This is not about food \_\_\_\_\_
- B. This is about honoring human traditions over the word of God \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Living holy is not honoring external human rituals, but honoring God's word from the inside-out \_\_\_\_\_