

## **Tradition or Command?**

In Matthew 15:1-11, 15-20, the Pharisees criticized Jesus' disciples for violating the tradition of the elders, and Jesus criticized them for violating the commands of God. Cite the details.

1. What tradition did the disciples violate?

2. What command did the Pharisees violate?

3. What tradition did the Pharisees use to mask their disobedience?

4. What did Jesus say the Pharisees' behavior did to their worship?

5. What did Jesus tell Peter and the rest of the apostles about inner purity?

### **What About Me?**

Name one aspect of your Christian life in which you are sometimes more concerned about your image in the church than about the inner reality in your heart.

How can you combat this temptation?