

## Good News Part 4: God's Way > My Way

"Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and **announcing the Good News** about the Kingdom." Matthew 9:35 NLT

"Some Pharisees and teachers of religious law now arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They asked him, 'Why do your disciples disobey **our age-old tradition**? For they ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat.' Jesus replied, 'And why do you, by your traditions, violate the **direct commandments of God**? For instance, God says, 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.' But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have **vowed to give** to God what I would have given to you.' In this way, you say they don't need to honor their parents. And so you **cancel the word of God** for the sake of your own tradition. You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their **hearts are far** from me. Their **worship is a farce**, for they teach **man-made ideas as commands from God.**' "" Matthew 15:1-9 NLT

**A tradition is just someone's way to connect with God.**

**A tradition without authenticity and honesty is hypocrisy.**

### ✓ **Principled.**

"I run in the **path of your commands**, for you have broadened my understanding."  
Psalms 119:32 NIV

### ✓ **From the heart.**

"I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame, for I **delight** in your commands because I **love** them." Psalms 119:46-47 NIV

### ✓ **Sacrificial.**

"Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."  
Luke 22:42 NASB

### ✓ **Filled with faith.**

"Remember this: Whoever **sows** sparingly will also **reap** sparingly, and whoever **sows generously** will also **reap generously.**" 2 Corinthians 9:6

"Then the Lord said to Samuel, "I am sorry that I ever made Saul king, for he has not been loyal to me and has refused to obey my command." Samuel was so deeply moved when he heard this that he cried out to the Lord all night. Early the next morning Samuel went to find Saul. Someone told him, "Saul went to the town of Carmel to set up a **monument to himself**; then he went on to Gilgal." When Samuel finally found him, Saul greeted him cheerfully. "May the Lord bless you," he said. "I have carried out the Lord's command!" "Then what is all the bleating of sheep and goats and the lowing of cattle I hear?" Samuel demanded. "It's true that the army spared the best of the sheep, goats, and cattle," Saul admitted. "But they are going to sacrifice them to the Lord your God. We have destroyed everything else.""

1 Samuel 15:10-15 NLT

"But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? **To obey is better than sacrifice**, and to heed is better than the fat of rams." 1 Samuel 15:22 NIV

**Money is the currency of earth; obedience is the currency of heaven.**

### **1. Obey the written Word of God.**

"**All Scripture** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

### **2. Obey the authorities given by God.**

"Let everyone be subject to the governing **authorities**, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The **authorities** that exist have been **established by God**. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves." Romans 13:1-2 NIV

### **3. Obey the Spirit of God.**

"For the sinful nature is always **hostile to God**. It **never did obey** God's laws, and it **never will**. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can **never please God**. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are **controlled by the Spirit** if you have the Spirit of God living in you."

Romans 8:7-9 NLT