

The Gospel According to Mark
Follow the Leader
“The Trouble with Tradition”

INTRO: *Jesus again conflicts with the religious leadership, exposing their religious traditions that became legalistic displays of pomp.*

I. _____ **should be passionate about pursuing** _____ **(7:1-5).** *The Pharisees were legendary in their pursuit of purity (holiness), but their standard was suspect.*

II. **Any pursuit of _____ preferring _____ to _____ leads to _____ (7:6-13).** *Jesus rebuked the Pharisees by outlining their 4-step descent into hypocrisy.*

III. **Pursue _____ by policing the _____, not the _____ (7:14-23).** *There are three warnings about traditions offered by Jesus in His teaching to the common people.*

A. _____.
Jesus countered the Pharisees’ claims of purity as pretense.

B. _____.
All true obedience is a matter of the heart (a moral agent).

C. _____.
Man has a heart problem which is unaffected by tradition.