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Keeping our priorities straight. Sometimes human nature tells us to try to go out on our own. We can do it and as such we know what is most important. As we look around, we rank what should be done first and so on. We use human standards. Not God's his thinking is different. This is an issue from the beginning of time. We need to look at God's will first. Remember the teachers of the law in Jesus' day. They spent more time looking at man made rules and not God's:

Matthew 15:1-9

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That Which Defiles

15 Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, ²“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!”

³ Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’^[a] and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’^[b] ⁵ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ ⁶ they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus, you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. ⁷ You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

**⁸ ““These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.**

**⁹ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.’^[c]”**

These teachers lost sight of what God said and wrote their own rules, rules that helped them. Forgetting what God said.

God said to honor your father and mother. if that is by taking care of them in their old age then do so. The priests said well God gave 10 percent to the church so if the church needs more take it from the money going to your parents. Thereby ignoring God's rules. Who should we listen to? Jesus answered this:

Matthew 10:28 [New International Version](#)

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Blessings

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