

But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.' Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.' He was also saying to them, 'You nicely set aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death'; but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, anything of mine you might have been helped by is Corban (that is to say, given to God),' you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother; thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.' "

I Corinthians 11:2 -- "Now I praise you because you remember me in everything, and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you."

Galatians 1:13-14 -- "For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure, and tried to destroy it; and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions."

Colossians 2:8 -- "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."

II Thessalonians 2:15 -- "So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us."

II Thessalonians 3:6 -- "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep aloof from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us." (verse 10 says, "For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will not work, neither let him eat.")

c. "Lawful"

The word  $\epsilon\upsilon\lambda\omicron\gamma\omicron\tau\iota$  is used 32 times in the New Testament. BAG says it means "permitted," "possible," "proper." All 32 uses follow.

Note: The following symbols are used to suggest categories of meaning by which these uses can be classified:

ML = Moses' Law

GL = God's Law

T = Tradition

P = permissible, permitted

RL = Roman Law

Matthew 12:1-2 -- "At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grain-fields, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, 'Behold, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.' " (T)

Matthew 12:3-4 -- "But He said to them, 'Have you not read what David did, when he became hungry, he and his companions; how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?'" (ML)