

You Might Be a Pharisee If . . .

- You are glad you are better than others.
- Your prayers are more like “self-talk” than speaking with God.
- Your sins seem so small when placed beside the really BIG sins of others.
- You rationalize that Christians who don’t agree with you are all “compromisers.”
- You routinely dismiss anyone who would dare to point out a “blind spot.”
- You verbally rip apart the people who disagree with you.
- You rehearse your virtues when you should be confessing your sin.
- You take delight in checking off your religious “to do” list.
- The standard you use to judge others is “you.”
- Prayer is more about you and your perception than about God and His praise.
- You assume your discipline and “preciseness” indicates true spirituality.
- Your memory is excellent when it comes to remembering your good works.
- You glory more in appearance than in heart.
- You are obsessed with externals, but blind to the internal reality of your own soul.
- Outward righteousness is more important than heart holiness.
- You find it difficult to fellowship with those different from yourself.
- You believe you are superior to others.
- You keep a list of your religious activities on the tip of your tongue.
- You justify yourself by condemning others.
- You build up yourself and your group by tearing others down.
- You despise people who do not hold your convictions.
- Your conscience is silent when you accuse and verbally abuse God’s people.
- You excuse your arrogant behavior because you hold to “the correct position.”
- You call your uncanny ability to catalog the faults of others “discernment.”
- You thank God you are not as other men.
- You really like to hear yourself pray.
- Your sense of self-importance blinds you to the fact of how repulsive you are to others.
- You always come out in a favorable light when you compare yourself with other men.
- You feel your anger is justified because you are right and those you are angry with are wrong.
- You cling to “emotional infallibility” – the belief that whatever you feel in your heart must be correct.
- You believe a person really pleases God by keeping all the rules.
- Your theological “rigidity” is more important than all other factors.
- You feel the trail of broken relationships in your past is due to some fault in the other parties.
- You visually and intellectually comply in order to gain acceptance and approval.
- You are so caught up in your own circle that you will do anything to maintain your reputation.
- You are dominated by the fear of man.
- You are insulted by the notion you may be a Pharisee.