

Signs if your a Pharisee

Luke 18:9-12

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#1- will not receive correction

A Pharisee or religious person cannot see they are self righteous, you know the saying: "you can't see the forest for the trees". It is easy to see self righteousness and problems in others but not yourself. This is why the bible says we are to examine ourselves.

2Corinthians 13:5* **Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?**

This is not a simple task, you have to be totally honest with yourself and God. If you don't like what you see, then repent, and remember **REPENT** means don't do it again. If we are sincere, God will show us where we err. A tendency for us tho, is to show resentment or frustration when corrected, even from God. Just remember if we feel upset, chances are WE are Wrong, so do something about it.

Proverbs 3:11* **My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:**

Hebrews 12:5* **And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:**

#2 Boasting - Proud

This is all about **I** or **I** can or **I** did, what you say about your natural life is what comes forth in your religious life. The bible says that **I** can do all things **THROUGH CHRIST** which strengthenth me. **YOU SEE**, we say the **I**, but forget the through Christ, it is God that Supplies your abilities.

Php 4:19*, 1Pet 5.5, Ro 12:3* For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think;** but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man **the measure of faith.**

#3 See the wrong in others

There are Christians that are so quick on picking up on things you may or may not of said or done and according to their law of the gospel your damned. Some will say: they sing too loud or too soft, too emotional or no emotion.

Matthew 7:5* Thou hypocrite, **first cast out the beam out of thine own eye;** and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote (sliver) out of thy brother's eye.

There is a difference between Spiritual emotion and physical emotion, Rock-N-Roll (whether in a church or an out-n-out drug or booze party) brings excitement and frenzies feeling.

Galatians 5:19-21

Spiritual emotion brings joy, peace, comfort, repentance etc.

Galatians 5:22-23*

#4 How to fix other peoples walks

A good Pharisee will be quick to point out all your shortcomings.

Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or **even as this publican.**

Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, **ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves**

Colossians 2:20-22* Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Now not all fall into this category, there are some legitimate concerns.

Matthew 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

#5 You are closer to the Lord than others

There are multitudes that fit in this category, the faith that is in us is combined with belief and miracles take place. Satan will tell you it is because you fast and pray a lot, so you are special or because you have great faith, miracles are happening thus pride enters in.

Philippians 3:2* Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. (doctrines both concise and polished)

#6 Prayer life is Mechanical

We are habitual creatures and if we were not careful or sincere in our worship it becomes a recital, it maybe long but empty.

James 4:8* Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Matthew 6:7* But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

#7 Enjoy being recognized as holy

We all like to be complimented and appreciated.

Luke 6:26* **Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!**
for so did their fathers to the false prophets
just remember that all temptations of the Devil are ,the lust
of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life.

1John 2:16* **For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh,**
and the **lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of**
the Father, but is of the world.

#8 A critical Spirit

Just because a preacher or brother in the Lord says
something that we may not agree with does not mean they
are demon possessed or on their way to Hell, it means they
see or understand something a bit different then we do.
Have we never read where we are different members but all
of the same body.

Romans 12:5* **So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and**
every one members one of another.

Have we never heard that Christians should agree to
disagree, as long as Christ and the Cross is agreed upon, the
rest is just window dressings and subject to an individual's
preference.

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I use this Pharisee test to examine myself and also
revelation 21:8

Revelation 21:8* **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the**
abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers,
and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake
which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second
death. it's not always easy to see the resemblance.

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