

“You’re Such A Pharisee”

“Most of the time this label gets thrown out, it is not used accurately. It is used as a way to shut people up. It is used as a way to excuse ourselves from listening to those with whom we disagree. If you disagree with someone on an issue, study the issue out and reason together. Don’t be lazy by categorizing and labeling people”

-Wes McAdams

Were The Pharisees Legalists?

- They had a set of orally-transmitted laws that they believed originated with Moses, called Halakah (Leviticus 11:44, Exodus 19:6).
- “Pharisee” means “separated/detached.”
- Jesus called them out for their failure to observe the “weightier provisions of the Law (Matthew 23:23).
- Of course, it’s not fair to assume that every Pharisee was just like the stereotype (Acts 15:5, Acts 23:6).

Why Did Jesus Condemn Them?

- They were condemned for blatant hypocrisy (Matthew 23:3).
- They placed their human traditions and customs ahead of scriptures, in violation of them (Matthew 15:3).
- They were self-righteous (Luke 18:9).
- They served God for human praise and recognition (Matthew 6:1).
- They were murderers, and sinned by putting Jesus to death (John 19:11).
- They were condemned for a failure to recognize truth (Matthew 21:27).
- Pharisees wielded their power to hinder the faith of others (John 12:42).
- Far from being condemned for obeying the Law too closely, they were actually called by Jesus for not obeying the Law correctly.

**“Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites!”**

Dirty Dishes

- A life without serious self-reflection is one that will never see meaningful change.
- Outer adornment means little to the Lord if the heart of a person is filthy. *“You too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”*



Inwardly Righteous —

Luke 18:10-14

