

If a modern-day Pharisee were a teacher, their grading system of faithful Christians may go something like this:

PHARISEE

100 POINT MINISTRY TEST

SCORE: 99%

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PHARISEE'S NOTE: This man must be disregarded from future fellowship, and he must be condemned often

- ✓ Saved
- ✓ Soulwinner
- ✓ Husband of one wife
- ✓ Raised children for God
- ✓ Fundamental
- ✓ Supports missions
- ✓ Teaches modesty
- ✓ Seeks revival
- ✓ Visits the fatherless
- ✓ Visits elderly
- ✓ Uses King James only
- ✓ Short hair
- ✓ Fruitful pastor
- ✓ Loves brethren
- ✓ Speaks truth in love
- ✓ Serves others
- ✓ Against "Christian" rock
- ✓ For congregational hymns
- ✓ Predominantly sings hymns
- ✓ Biblical separatist
- ✓ Practices 1 Corinthians 13
- ✓ Practices Romans 14
- ✓ Against Pluralism
- ✓ Sings songs which are doctrinally correct
- ✓ Motivates others by grace
- ✓ Does not attend movies
- ✓ Honors and loves America
- ✓ Not charismatic
- ✓ Blameless
- ✓ Husband of one wife
- ✓ Vigilant
- ✓ Sober
- ✓ Of good behavior
- ✓ Given to hospitality
- ✓ Apt to teach
- ✓ Not given to wine
- ✓ No striker
- ✓ Not greedy of filthy lucre
- ✓ Patient
- ✓ Not a brawler
- ✓ Not covetous
- ✓ Rules his own house
- ✓ Children in subjection
- ✓ Good report
- ✓ Not self-willed
- ✗ Adheres to all of my preferences
- ✓ Independent
- ✓ Bible believing
- ✓ Church planter
- ✓ Baptist
- ✓ Not soon angry
- ✓ Lover of good men
- ✓ Sound
- ✓ Just
- ✓ Holy
- ✓ Temperate
- ✓ Holding fast the word of truth
- ✓ Faithful
- ✓ Exhorts, consoles, and gives comfort
- ✓ Christian educator
- ✓ Opposed to humanism
- ✓ Pre-tribulationist
- ✓ Premillennialist
- ✓ Walks with God
- ✓ Seeks wise counsel
- ✓ Exercises faith
- ✓ Disciples new converts
- ✓ Studies doctrine
- ✓ Rightly divides Word of truth
- ✓ Preaches expository messages
- ✓ Exalts Christ in ministry
- ✓ Makes Scripture basis of ministry philosophy
- ✓ Personally spends time in outreach
- ✓ Forgives
- ✓ Loves God
- ✓ Serves with passion
- ✓ Bold in witness
- ✓ Encourages others
- ✓ Counsels biblically
- ✓ Pure
- ✓ Separated from the world
- ✓ Avoids worldly philosophies
- ✓ Prayerful
- ✓ Humble
- ✓ Consistent testimony
- ✓ Preaches the Gospel
- ✓ Bridles his tongue
- ✓ Generous
- ✓ Not a slanderer
- ✓ Abstains from gossip or evil speaking
- ✓ Sings songs with dominant melody
- ✓ Wholly committed to Christ
- ✓ Contends for the faith
- ✓ Walks in truth
- ✓ Makes the Great Commission number one priority
- ✓ Seeks to be Spirit-led
- ✓ Warns against false doctrine
- ✓ Rebukes error
- ✓ Restores the fallen
- ✓ Seeks and labors for God's glory above all else

(Reader's Note: Perhaps we are sometimes inconsistent in our priorities and unwise in our criticism. May we as Bible-believing Baptists be united in doctrine and loving in spirit!)

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