

Villains of the Bible - The Pharisees

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1. The People: the Pharisees

- The term Pharisees means “separatists”.
- The Pharisees were, to some extent, well-meaning people.
- How can a man be right with God? Job 25:4, Num. 25

2. The Pharisee’s problem: passion perverted

- Hypocrisy and a desire to impress others. Luke 12:1, Matt. 23:5-12
- A disdain for “sinners”. Matt. 9:11, Matt. 23:13
- Majoring on minors. Luke 6:1-12, Matt. 23:16-24
- Extra-biblical rules. Mark 7:1-8
- Looking down on others. Luke 18:9-14

3. Our Purpose: focus on Christ’s righteousness NOT our own

- We must first and foremost put on love. Col. 3:14
- True love is never void of truth. Eph. 4:15
- Be realistic about your self-righteousness; it really is insufficient. Is. 64:6

Application:

- 1) Admit that you take pleasure in comparing yourself to people you believe are less...
- 2) Stop doing the job of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Put on an attitude of humility = gratitude.