

The Anti-Pharisee

Mark 2:13—3:6

Warning signs of Pharisaism:

■ A lack of _____ due to fear of

_____.

Mark 2:13-17; see also Luke 7:34; 1 Timothy 1:15

■ A higher commitment to _____ than to

_____.

Mark 2:18-22; see also Luke 13:18-21; John 1:17

■ A _____ attitude toward those who have a shorter list of _____.

Mark 2:16, 24; 3:2; see also Matthew 5:7; 7:1-5; Romans 14

■ A gross neglect of the law of _____.

Mark 2:23—3:6; see also Matthew 7:12; 22:36-40; 23:24; Luke 13:10-17; John 5:1-9; 7:21-24; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Based on your knowledge of the Pharisees, what was their single most objectionable trait? How was Jesus different?
2. Read Mark 2:13-17. Is your social life more like Jesus' or the Pharisees'? What are the obstacles in your life to spending more time with irreligious people? How can you overcome these obstacles? What non-Christians would you like to spend time with in the near future?
3. Read Mark 2:21-22. What traditions keep you from being completely open to learning new truth? When was the last time Jesus challenged one of your traditions?
4. Read Mark 2:16, 2:24 and 3:2. What personal convictions do you tend to force on other Christians? Who have you had a judgmental attitude toward? Do you look down on that person because they are violating Scripture or just your interpretation of Scripture?
5. Read Mark 3:1-6, Luke 13:10-17, and Luke 14:1-6. In a single sentence, what is the central message of these three passages?
6. On a scale from 0-10, how "Pharisaical" are you? What is the most important thing you can do to become less like the Pharisees and more like Jesus?

