

Questions for Conversations

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When you were young, were you more of a rule follower or rule breaker?

How has that changed as you have gotten older (if it has)?

Do you think we are really at risk of regularly becoming Pharisees?

What do you think of Rob's Pharisee Test?

Ask someone you trust how judgmental they think you are?

How frustrated do you get at yourself about your own spiritual life?

When was the last time you actually "considered others better than yourself" (Phil 2.3)?

When was the last time you were astonished by God's grace and mercy, especially for yourself?

How frequently does the bottom 3 happen?

Below are the 12 Steps to Alcoholic Anonymous

What are some steps we might take for those of us who are recovering Pharisees?

(you don't have to come up with 12)

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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