

A script from



“You Might Be a Pharisee If...”

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- What** Four scenes take place in which believers are caught being Pharisees. Themes: hypocrites, judgment, visitors, church, grace, new Christians, church members
- Who**
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| Member | New Believer |
| Visitor | Christian |
| Pray-er One | Husband |
| Pray-er Two | Wife |
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)**
- Row of 4 or 5 chairs to act as a pew
 - Pillow
 - 3 Bibles- 1small, 1 large, 1 any size
 - Notepad and pencil
 - 2 Snuggies
 - Crutch
 - Neck brace (optional)
 - Chicken bucket with at least one chicken leg
- Why** John 13:35
- How** This script has a large cast, but can be modified. The same actors can play different roles if need be. Also, all of the scenes can take place on the row of chairs or church pew. You can either have a narrator read the title of each scene or have them up on your screen. It’s also possible to not do every scene for time’s sake. Practice the transitions between each scene so there is little to no down time.
- Time** Approximately 6-8 minutes

For this scene, you can either set up a row of fold-out chairs on your stage, or actually use the pews in your audience. At the end, the two wind up at the organ or piano bench.

Scene 1: *"You may be a Pharisee if you care more about your things than the things of God.*

Member enters approaching the pew where a **Visitor** is seated. The pew is facing the audience.

Member: Excuse me. You're in my seat.

Visitor: Oh, I'm sorry...this is my first time here. I didn't realize that-

Member: Not a problem. Every once in awhile a "newbie" slips by those ushers. I must point out, however, that if you use those eyes God has given you, you would notice the lovely embroidered pillow you have placed your purse on.

Visitor: Oh, yes I did see that and thought what a nice touch-

Member: Made that while recovering from my bunion surgery.

Visitor: It's beautiful-

Member: And you will notice on the other side of you there, a leather Bible. What name do you see on that Bible?

Visitor: *(Becoming uncomfortable picks up the Bible)* Umm, I can't really make out-

Member: Well you're not in the light, move it out of the shadow-

Visitor: I know, but the name is kinda worn-

Member: *(Frustrated, she takes the Bible and tilts it this way and that)* You've gotta catch the light on the gold letters...just so. There, see?

Visitor: Shelia...is...dumb?

Member: What? Let me see...*(She turns the Bible this way and that)* No, Shelia Hisdom. See the H is just worn. You know what, never mind. Why don't I find you a nice seat where you can see everything?

Member pulls the **Visitor** up by the arm dragging her along. **Visitor** gestures at some possible seats.

Member: No, you can't sit there. Agnes Johnston sits there and she is scary before her morning coffee and doughnut.

The Visitor moves to another area or pew. Pews at this point can be mimed or chairs can represent the pews.

No, that's where Ernest and Betsy Slaughter sit. Don't sit anywhere near those two. Ernest snores, and Betsy mumbles but doesn't know it.

The Visitor again moves to another seat.

No, not there. Hannah Brown sits one row up and has really big hair. I use to sit there- could only see the pastor from his nose up.

Member pushes Visitor down on organ or piano bench.

There you go sweetie. So glad to have you here.

The Visitor peeks around the organ/piano. End of scene.

Scene 2: You might be a Pharisee if you are keenly aware of the sins of others but oblivious to your own.

Two people are sitting on a pew sharing "prayer requests".

One: So I guess we should add Bob and Nancy to our prayer list.

Two: What? Surgery?

One: Nope.

Two: Not the kids. I just saw Stephanie and she is loving school.

One: Nope, not the kids.

Two: Well, then what- (*One gives her a meaningful look*) No!

One: Yes, that's what I heard.

Two: Are you sure? They just got back from an anniversary cruise. They seemed so happy.

One: Well come on, we all saw the signs.

Two: We did?

One: Sure, remember how excited he was about the new job. And she started redoing the house...

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ENDING:

Husband: *(Pointing forwards towards the pastor)* Heard he's running long today. Really long. Oh, and the worship leader's coffee was really strong this morning. Yep, a real "spirit" led service. We'll be standing up all service.

Wife: No worries, I came prepared. *(From under the Snuggie® she pulls two crutches and a neck brace.)*

Husband: Nice. It is hard to stand in these things, and you're feet poke out and get all cold.

Wife: Still, if he's running long, the Methodist will beat us to Dickies *(or some other Sunday lunch restaurant)* ...that pushes nap-time to 2:00-2:30 at the earliest.

Husband: My turn. Do I take care of you or what? *(He pulls out a bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken®.)*

Wife: You're the best. Oh and maybe if we have some left we could give it to the man outside.

They both look in the bucket and then back at each other.

Husband: Well, he was asleep.

Wife: Right, very peaceful. *(They take a bite out of a chicken leg.)*

Lights out. The end.