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Quiz: Many Christians 'not very Christian' - posted by hulseys (), on: 2012/12/27 0:09

An online quiz designed to score how well Christians live the teachings of Jesus has found that more than one in four believers admit they're not very Christian.

The poll, made up of ten questions, was conducted by the Texas-based non-profit group Changing the Face of Christianity Inc.

"The results are disturbing, as one in four self-proclaimed Christians admit they rarely live the teachings of Jesus Christ," said R. Brad White, the group's founder.

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2012/12/quiz-many-christians-not-very-christian/#zOOUdbibUipkpil8.99>

Re: Quiz: Many Christians 'not very Christian', on: 2012/12/27 4:16

interesting.

Re: Quiz: Many Christians 'not very Christian' - posted by turn, on: 2012/12/27 8:35

Not surprising...

In Matthew 13:49: So shall it be at the end of the age: the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the righteous.

In the parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25), the church is described as 10 waiting for the bridegroom but only 5 have an enduring supply of oil in their lamps. Later, after the bridegroom has come, he says to the others: I know you not.

In Revelation 2-3, messages are sent for seven churches. In these churches, only some have an ear and only some will overcome.

Please consider also Matthew 7:22-23 from the Sermon on the Mount.

Re: Quiz: Many Christians 'not very Christian' - posted by mguldner (), on: 2012/12/27 10:00

No offense but I took that test and its incredibly faulty. I didn't score bad or anything like that but it would be really easy to manipulate the results the "Christian" answer or what a "Good" christian would do is blatantly obvious. Not to mention this is a dangerous thing because if one does score well it take the focus off of God and on the individual thus making them incredibly prone to pride in their hearts.

I mean really only God can tell me "Good and faithful servant" no quiz is proof of that. Not to mention the quiz focuses on a works basis things like how often do you pray, or how often do you read your bible, etc etc. God isn't going to look at that in the end.

You also have people on the fence about their Christian faith and feeling conviction to change something and then they could take this test and appease that conviction a bit longer with a "Good Christian" or "Spiritually Mature" grade on a 10 questions quiz.

Re: Quiz: Many Christians 'not very Christian' - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/12/27 10:20

I don't believe that Godliness can be tested by quiz. According to me Christlikeness in a person can be rated only by those who are close to the person like Spouse and Children. Spouse is the best person to answer. If a Christian has no respect for his Godliness from his/her spouse then his life is a lie, useless to God. It is not what we do in public make us Christian but what we do in our private life make us one. If Public life is only important then the Pharisees were the most Godly people compared to Jesus.

Also I do not believe that 3 out of 4 lived by the words of Jesus. This is a huge number.

Re: Quiz: Many Christians 'not very Christian' - posted by turn, on: 2012/12/27 10:31

Please consider also Matthew 7:22-23 from the Sermon on the Mount.

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:22-23)

"...The Lord knows those that are his. And, Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (2 Timothy 2:19)

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/12/27 14:21

Greetings

So I took this test and like another mentioned I felt that it could easily be manipulated if one chooses to. However when I took the test I decided that the first part of the quiz must be to begin by being honest. So I kept that in mind as I answered each question, knowing that what I choose must be with CHRIST in mind and not "sugar coat" my answers because it is what "I" think a good Christian would say. By the end of the test when I read over my results I knew the test was flawed. I know the results it showed about me based on my personal answers were not accurate...I agree with another, no internet test is going to show me truth about my walk with HIM only HE can do that.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2012/12/27 15:12

I took the test. As MaryJane stated, I knew what to answer, but decided to answer honestly.

Looks like I scored pretty low. I am a "worldly Christian" based on this test.

Now that I got that over with, I am going to go get gas for my snowblower...

Re: , on: 2012/12/27 16:18

This test is as Christian as the prosperity gospel.

It's all performance based. That's not Christianity.

Even Jesus would have failed that test.

Christianity is not about how great you are. It's about how we are totally helpless without God.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/12/27 16:54

dear codek, you are correct if you are a baby christian with little demonstration of the Lordship of Jesus in your life.as we walk in the spirit it is supposed to bring forth great love and good works.this is what faith is all about.we are the problem i n the church if we are not showing humility and kindness and joy and love .this is what we say ;but not what we do.we ar e in the minds of those in the world as phonies that are all talk and no walk.jimp

Re: - posted by turn, on: 2012/12/28 8:23

Amen, jimp.

The point of the post was not to judge the survey and then to scorn the survey. Find the good. The best use of the original post was to consider its results and to find the best response as it applies to ourselves first and then perhaps later as it applies to others.

Reality is that not all who call themselves Christians now will be acknowledged later by Christ as His and will inherit eternal life. Some will be shut out.

Passages like Philippians 3:18 tell us that there are many in the churches "whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ."

Faith works by love.

Those branches in Christ's vineyard who are without fruit were threatened by Christ that they will be cut off and cast into the fire.

Christ promised that his yoke is easy and his burden is light but there is a yoke and burden to carry. Yes, Jesus spoke comforting words but he also spoke many words that are hard to accept.

Jesus said, "...if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Some are waiting for Christ but they have no oil in their lamps.

Some are in the multitudes that follow Christ for what He can give but they lack genuine faith and love and have no ears to hear and are compromisers rather than overcomers.

1 Corinthians 6:9 - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?

Christ's righteousness in the born again believer is both imputed legally and imparted practically. Those living under saving grace enjoy pardon for past sins but they rejoice in continuing power to hate sin and wickedness and to love godliness and righteousness.

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2012/12/28 8:50

The problem with that logic though its true and sound is it doesn't apply to the quiz. And I understand what your saying wholeheartedly but if the quiz is faulty then the results are faulty and in the original post that is what seems to be the focus. Possibly with the intent to make us say what a shame we are in the last days 1 out of 4 people that say they are Christian don't act like it.

And even if the original post wasn't with this intent the original article with it certainly does have that intent. The problem is, is the quiz itself is giving false results that are giving a false outcome. The quiz itself is incredibly vague on details on the Christian walk.

I agree we are to walk out our faith by taking up our cross but the quiz itself doesn't even ask those kind of questions. I don't think anyone is scorning the survey itself but if we see something that could be a danger and something we believe is giving people false hope and false security then we should point that out.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/12/28 9:51

by turn on 2012/12/28 2:23:16

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My problem with the quiz was for these two reasons. First as I was answered the questions honestly I felt at least some of them could be answered differently based on what was happening in my life in the "now"...for example the question on getting angry if I am cut off in traffic, have I done so in the past?(yes!) have I done so these past few weeks(no!) will I get angry if I am cut off in traffic at some future date in time(not sure but I hope not) so to me the questions were flawed or could have skewed answers. My second issue with the quiz is that my final results said I was a mature christian based off my answers...I do not see myself as such. I know mature Christians some from this site and they are so far ahead of where I am in my walk so yeah the results seemed flawed to me.If I am taken those results given to me there could open a door to temptation to think I was where I needed to be or that I had some how arrived...kind of a dangerous door to be opening in my mind at least.

I personally believe that only GOD can show me where I am in my walk with HIM and I will add that I think since I am growing daily that relationship is always in flux...I wonder if even the disciples would have allowed themselves to be labeled as "mature christian" by others without pauses and considering, "What have I done with today LORD for YOUR namesake?"

Just my thoughts

God bless
mj

Re: , on: 2012/12/28 17:01

"great love and good works.this is what faith is all about.we are the problem in the church if we are not showing humility and kindness and joy and love" -jimp

I have to add that the survey should also have questions about how depraved we are. Most people are so worried about being humble, kind, and joyful. But they don't know how they are suppose to derive these things. So you have people trying to force it with their own might, which will end in burnout, disaster and maybe even a turning away from the faith.

The survey does not mention it because it's made specifically for "religious" worldly performed based christians. The pharisee would score a perfect 10.

I say this because until I found this forum, I was the typical performed based christian, trying to earn my way to God. And if I took this survey, it would further lead me away from Christ. This is how 99% of christianity in the media is designed. Why do you think I was so lost for decades of my life.

I say this also because many thinking that they are good performing christians will do the survey thinking that they are saved when they aren't.

I know I was and all of my friends still are.

It fails to mention that without God, none of the humility, kindness, joy and love could ever exist. After all, aren't our hearts desperately wicked?

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/12/28 20:40

dear codek, i understand the trap of trying to be good instead of faith in Christ and His finished work. i also understand that after 50 years of walking with Jesus and being in your mid 70s helps with ones holiness. i am amazed at the tests God has me go through tho. you get more wisdom as you make the same mistakes over and over. all holy living begins and ends in Jesus and what He has done for us. we need to rest in His finished work. jimp

Re: , on: 2012/12/30 8:24

I agree with you jimp but this lukewarm test leads people astray. Look what happened to this this supposed converted marine who killed his wife after giving a testimony in 2010. The modern church failed him. God let him be deceived by these false teachings. God could've gave him true bread when he was seeking God. He let him do this.

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And for 3 decades I was lead by false teaching and God didn't do anything about it. And he still is very silent after I gave up everything for Him. I've been searching and seeking God with all my might and still no answer.