

Being Sincere

Luke 18:9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

Luke 18:13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

Luke 18:14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

An Overview of the Passage

This parable was told to people who were _____ of their _____ with God.

Consider: This is a parable for “_____ people.”

This parable is the beginning of a _____: our relationship with God, which we will study for the next several weeks.

There is One . . .

1. _____ –
2. _____ for going to the temple – _____
3. _____ – to be justified before God!

The Two Men

A Pharisee –

Mentioned _____ times in Scripture

Usually very _____ and very _____

Famous Pharisees: _____ and Gamaliel

A Tax Collector

Mentioned _____ times in Scripture.

Usually very _____ and very much _____.

Famous tax collectors: _____ and Zacchaeus

The Two Positions

The Pharisee – _____ up and _____ up

The Tax Collector – stood at a _____ and looked _____

The Two Prayers

The Pharisee’s Prayer

He prayed about _____

He listed his _____

_____ than _____ men

Not a “_____” sinner

He would _____ and _____ regularly.

The Tax Collector’s Prayer

He _____ his ways.

He pleaded for _____.

The Two Results

The Pharisee – went home a _____.

The Tax Collector – went home a _____.

The Two Principles

1. God will _____ welcome those who trust in their _____ goodness.

2. God will _____ welcome those who trust in _____ goodness.

Your Thoughts?