



Luke 18

9 To some who trusted in their own righteousness and viewed others with contempt, He also told this parable:

10“Two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

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11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed,

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14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all of this and were scoffing at Jesus.

15 So He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts.

For what is prized among men is detestable before God.

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11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed,

‘God, I thank You that I am not like the other men—

swindlers, evildoers, adulterers—

or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week and I pay tithes of all that I acquire.’

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13 But the tax collector stood at a distance, unwilling even to lift up his eyes to heaven.

Instead, he beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner!'

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14 I tell you, this man, rather than the Pharisee, went home justified.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**Is the tax collector's posture just
the gateway to justification?**

**...or is it also the pathway that is
walked daily in sanctification?**

The Tax Collector's Guide to Worship

Acts 5

11 And great fear came over the whole church and all who heard about these events.

12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people, and with one accord the believers gathered together in Solomon's Colonnade.

13 Although the people regarded them highly, no one else dared to join them.

14 Yet more and more believers were brought to the Lord—large numbers of both men and women.

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- The **holiness** of God demands my reverence
- The **Judgement** of God brings fear and trembling
- The **glory** of God is my purpose
- The **will** of God is what I live to obey

The Tax Collector's Guide to Loving Others

Romans 12

Therefore I urge you, brothers, **on account of God's mercy**

- offer your bodies as living sacrifices
- Do not be conformed to this world
 - but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought
 - but think of yourself with sober judgment
- Love must be sincere.
- Detest what is evil, cling to what is good
- Be devoted to one another in brotherly love
- Outdo yourselves in honoring one another.

Romans 12 (on account of God's mercy)

- Do not let your zeal subside
- keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
- Be joyful in hope
- patient in affliction
- persistent in prayer.
- Share with the saints who are in need
- Practice hospitality
- Bless those who persecute you
- Bless and do not curse
- Rejoice with those who rejoice
- weep with those who weep
- Live in harmony with one another

Romans 12 (on account of God's mercy)

- Do not be proud but enjoy the company of the lowly
- Do not be conceited.
- Do not repay anyone evil for evil
- Carefully consider what is right in the eyes of everybody
- live at peace with everyone.
- Do not avenge yourselves, beloved
 - but leave room for God's wrath
- If your enemy is hungry, feed him
- if he is thirsty, give him a drink
- Do not be overcome by evil
 - but overcome evil with good.

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- “On account of God’s mercy” is my motivation
- On account of God’s mercy, I am prepared to serve
- On account of God’s mercy, I lovingly serve others
- On account of God’s mercy, I offer mercy to others

The Tax Collector's Guide to Zeal

Numbers 25

10 Then the LORD said to Moses,

11 “Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned My wrath away from the Israelites; for he was zealous for My sake among them, so that I did not consume the Israelites in My zeal.

12 Declare, therefore, that I grant him My covenant of peace.

13 It will be a covenant of permanent priesthood for him and his descendants, because he was zealous for his God and made atonement for the Israelites.”

Galatians 1

8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be under a curse!

9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be under a curse!

10 Am I now seeking the approval of men, or of God?

Or am I striving to please men?

If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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- It is God's agenda – I am Selfless, pride-less, ego-less
- It is God's **honor/glory** for which I am zealous
- It is God's **truth/word/will** that I am defending
- It is God's **sheep** that I am protecting