

## Humility and Justification – Luke 18:9-14

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This final parable in the series of those that are unique to Luke provides a fitting climax, for it challenges the attitude of our hearts. Will we, like the Pharisee in the parable, trust in our personal record of righteousness, or will we, like the tax-collector, cast ourselves upon the mercy of God with true humility?

**Principle:** God humbles the self-righteous but declares righteous those who come to Him in humility.

### **Application:**

1. Our righteous works do not necessarily reflect our standing with God.
2. Those who are justified are those who come to God in true humility (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5; cf. Proverbs 3:34).