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Luke 18:9-14

A Pharisee and a Tax Collector

9 There were some who were sure that they were righteous. They acted as if they were better than other people. Jesus gave this example to teach them: 10 “Once there was a Pharisee and a tax collector. They both went up into the temple courtyard one day to pray. 11 The Pharisee stood there alone. He was praying like this: ‘O God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people. I am not like men who steal, cheat, commit adultery, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week, and I give ten percent of everything I make!’

13 “The tax collector stood alone, too. However, when he prayed, he wouldn’t even look up to heaven. The tax collector felt very humble before God. He said, ‘O God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner!’ 14 I am telling you, when this man went back home, he was right with God; the Pharisee was not right with God. Every person who acts as if he is important will be made ashamed, but every person who humbles himself will be made very important.”