

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray,

one a Pharisee

and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ **The Pharisee** stood and was praying this **to himself**:

‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people:

- swindlers,
- unjust,
- adulterers,
- or even like this tax collector.

¹² I fast twice a week;
I pay tithes of all that I get.’

¹³ But **the tax collector**, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying,

‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other;

for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”