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THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

Luke 18: 9-14

A Pharisee and a tax collector went up to the temple to pray.

The Pharisees paid particular attention to the strict observance of the Mosaic Law. When people contravened laws or statutes, they often reacted in a very irritated or even malicious manner. Tax collectors were despised because they worked together with the Romans. Moreover, they made a lot of money out of collecting unjustified taxes and customs.

And so both men prayed. The Pharisee thanked God that he was a better person than others. Then he enumerated his deeds: he fasted twice a week and offered the tenth of his possessions.

The tax collector stood to one side with his head bowed. He prayed, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

About this portrayal Jesus said, "The tax collector went home justified; however, the Pharisee did not."

Then he added, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

EXERCISE



Here you find advice taken from the Sermon on the Mount describing conduct that pleases God. Insert the following concepts into the spaces. If you have difficulty with this, look up the Bible passages.

charitable deed – eye – plank – hand – measure – speck – Father – secret

“But when you do a _____, do not let your left _____ know what your right _____ is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret: and your _____ who sees in _____ will Himself reward you openly” (Matthew 6: 3–4).

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgement you judge, you will be judged; and with the _____ you use, it will be measured back to you” (Matthew 7: 1–2).

“And why do you look at the _____ in your brother’s _____, but do not consider the _____ in your own eye?” (Matthew 7: 3).

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