

Prayer Requests

Sermon Notes

“The Self-Righteous Sinner”
Luke 18:9-14

- I. Prayer that impedes our relationship with God (9-12)
- II. Prayer that ignites our relationship with God (13)
- III. God will exalt the humble (14)

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▶ Luke 18:14 states, “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles

himself will be exalted.” How do people like to exalt themselves? What does this look like in the church today? In society?

Read [Luke 18:9-14](#)

1. How would people in Jesus’ day view the two characters in this parable?
2. Why did the tax collector go home justified rather than the Pharisee?
3. What point was Jesus making with this parable? In what ways does this parable impact your perspective on what it means to be righteous?
4. When have you been like the Pharisee in this story? Like the tax collector?

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▶ How can we grow in righteousness without becoming self-righteous?



▶ In what ways can you cultivate a spirit of humility and combat the tendency to exalt yourself instead of Christ?



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Ephesians 2:8-9 states, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Spend some time in prayer confessing and repenting of any pride or self-righteousness. Ask the Lord to cultivate in us a spirit of humility. Finally, thank the Lord for His grace and mercy, which He has freely bestowed on us through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.