



Luke 18:9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated 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, standing by himself prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get. **13** 'But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

1 John 2:2

"And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."

You will never see **God** when you are captivated by the **image** you see in the **mirror**.

Pride blinds us to the **gifts** of God, and makes us believe we are the **gift to** God.

Little **prayer** tends to equal much **pride**.

When we're **full** of **ourselves** there's no **room** for **God**.



1. What are some ways pride shows up in your life?
2. What are the effects that pride has on a person? How does it affect those around them?
3. Read Luke 18:9-14. What are some areas in life people tend to compare themselves to others?
4. In the Pharisee's prayer he focuses on his own accomplishments. How do you stay focused on God's work in you instead of your achievements?
5. Pastor Chris said, "You will never see God when you are captivated by the image you see in the mirror." Sometimes you can't see where you are most prideful. How can you lovingly help a friend identify pride in their life? Would you allow someone to do the same for you?
6. Spend time this week in God's Word. Perhaps read one of the Gospels like Matthew or Mark, and write down observations about how Jesus loved people. Take your eyes off of you and put them on God.
7. How can we train or become better at humility this week?

Remember, as you encounter people this week, share the Gospel and invite them to Vision.