



SNAPSHOTS *of the* KINGDOM

Exploring the Parables of Jesus

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The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector

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."

Question:

What fills your heart as you approach God and look at others?

Key Ideas:

1. **Beware of self-righteousness.** God opposes spiritual pride.
2. **Embrace humility.** Humility pleases God and is the pathway to abundant life.

Application:

Goodness of God Lyrics

I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never fails me
And all my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

CHORUS

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

CHORUS

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
(repeat)

CHORUS

Next Week:

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders, Matthew 7:24-27