

HEART OVER HYPE

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UNLEASHED
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TEACHING NOTES

Luke 18:9-14 (NASB)

Now He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. "The Pharisee stood and began praying this in regard to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, crooked, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

PRIDE DISTORTS OUR VISION!

Luke 18:11 (NASB)

The Pharisee stood and began praying this in regard to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, crooked, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

Galatians 6:3 (NIV)

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.

CHECKLIST FAITH DOESN'T WORK

Luke 18:12 (NASB)

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

I Samuel 15:22 (NLT)

"What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to His voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams."

GOD HONORS HUMBLE REPENTANCE

Luke 18:13 (NASB)

But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

Psalms 51:16-17 (NLT)

You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. The sacrifice You desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

GOD LIFTS THE HUMBLE!

Luke 18:14 (NASB)

"I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Psalms 139:23-24 (NASB)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

Takeaway:

"God doesn't care about our hype, He cares about our heart."

NEXT WEEK: THE GENIUS OF JESUS - PART 3

We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God, Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders.

Thank you for joining us!