

Grace and Truth Bible Church
Humility and Exaltation
Luke 18:9-14
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I. Introduction

1. Simple thought: If we choose to see ourselves the way that the Lord sees us, resulting in an attitude of humility, then he will exalt us in his perfect timing.
2. The example of humility: Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:3–11)

II. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

1. If you do not trust in Jesus and his righteousness, you will inevitably trust in your _____ righteousness, which distorts your perception of yourself and others. (Luke 18:9)
2. We can only be declared righteous before God “by his _____ as a gift”. (Romans 3:22–26)
3. We can only be justified through _____ in Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)
4. The Jewish people highly _____ Pharisees because they knew the word of God extensively, were extremely moral people, and were generally successful in life, which they credited to the blessing of God. (Luke 18:10)
5. Tax collectors were viewed as _____ to the nation and were famous for extortion.
6. The Pharisee prayed about _____, contrasting himself to people whom he viewed negatively, and praising himself. (Luke 18:11–12)
7. The tax collector had an _____ view of himself: a sinner who needed mercy. (Luke 18:13)
8. The tax collector was declared righteous because he relied upon the _____ of God. (Luke 18:14)

III. Application

1. When we are proud, have a high view of our own righteousness, or we are self-centered, God _____ us. (1 Peter 5:5)
2. God gives grace (unmerited favor) to those who recognize that they need it, which essentially is the attitude of _____.
3. If we humble ourselves under the will and direction of God, he will _____ us at the proper time, either during our lives on this earth or in eternity. (1 Peter 5:6)
4. Self-hatred is still an expression of pride because it is _____.
5. Humility doesn’t dwell on oneself, looks to the interests of others, and focuses on the _____.