



Jesus
for Grown-Ups

We all have things
that get on our nerves
and under our skin.

Jesus had things
that got on his nerves
and under his skin.

Self-Righteousness

...do not be like the hypocrites...

Matthew 6:5 NIV

Self-righteous people care more about how they do what they do than why they do what they do.

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

Matthew 7:3 NIV

Self-righteousness makes us bad
at honesty and good at hypocrisy.

Self-righteousness causes us
to prioritize being right
over being kind.

Self-righteous people love to correct but hate being corrected.

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and **looked down on** everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

Luke 18:9 NIV

Self-righteous people see
people who are different from
them as less than them.

“Two men went up to the temple
to pray, one a **Pharisee**...

Luke 18:10 NIV

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a **Pharisee** and the other a **tax collector**.

Luke 18:10 NIV

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you **that I am not like other people—** robbers, evildoers, adulterers— or even like this tax collector.

Luke 18:11 NIV

Self-righteous people look down on the sinners who sin differently than they do.

I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

Luke 18:12 NIV

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘**God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**’

Luke 18:13 NIV

Grace

Pride

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home **justified** before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who **humble themselves** will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14 NIV

Self-righteous people
are always offended
when grace is extended.

God isn't impressed with
our morality, He is moved
by our humility.

Those who have freely
received grace should also
freely give grace.

Grace has always been, and
will always be scandalous.

We are all sinners.

We are all sinners loved by God.

And he gives grace generously.
As the Scriptures say, “God
opposes the proud but gives
grace to the humble.”

James 4:6 NIV

Come near to God and he will
come near to you. Wash your
hands, you sinners, and purify
your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:8 NIV

Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:9-10 NIV

When I elevate myself
over people I separate myself
from God's purpose.