

“The Humble Leave Justified”

Pastor Michael Lee

August 9, 2009

Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS VS. THE HUMBLE

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1. The self-righteous determine righteousness on the basis of observable _____.</p> | <p>The humble understands that righteousness is a matter of the _____.</p> |
| <p>2. The self-righteous approach God on the basis of their own _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride loves to talk about “I” • Pride seldom admits a need • Pride sees the faults of others | <p>The humble take a sober look at their _____ before a perfectly holy God.</p> |
| <p>3. The self-righteous, convinced of their own righteousness, leave God’s presence _____.</p> | <p>The humble, knowing who they are before a holy God, are shown mercy and _____ by God.</p> |

CENTRAL TRUTH

God declares righteous the ones who humbly approach God and seek mercy.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Compile a list of what you think the world considers to be evidences of a good person. What would make such an exemplary person unpleasing to God?
2. What is the issue that God has with pride that would cause him to not justify the Pharisee? And, why does God respond so mercifully to humility so as to justify a despised Tax Collector?
3. In what areas of life do you “trust in yourself?” Is this good/bad or right/wrong in light of Luke 18:9? Explain.
4. Is it okay to be more righteous than others? How can you grow in righteousness without becoming self-righteous?
5. How can you grow in righteousness yet recognize your unworthiness before a perfectly holy God?
6. We are called to humble ourselves. Read Philippians 2:1-11, John 13:1-15, and Ezekiel 28:12-19 (origin of Satan). What other character traits go together with humility?
7. What are some practical things you can do to develop humility in your life?
8. What one insight from the teaching seems most personally significant to you right now?