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He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 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. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ...

**Luke 18:9-  
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...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!' 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."

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# Parable

A fictional short story that uses familiar scenes and everyday objects and relationships to explain spiritual truths.

"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men.

**Matthew**  
**6:2**

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men

**Matthew**  
**6:5**

1. 10% National Theocratic Gov't
2. 10% National Festivals & Feasts
3. 10% (every 3<sup>rd</sup> year) for The Poor

23 1/3% Grand Total of Annual Tithes

# OT Tithing



"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

**Matthew**  
**23:23**

We are all naturally self-righteous. It is the family-disease of all the children of Adam. From the highest to the lowest we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to do. We secretly flatter ourselves that we are not so bad as some, and that we have something to recommend us to the favor of God.

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# The Pharisee Explains he is Both...

1. MORAL
2. RELIGIOUS

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## **2 Corinthians**

### **5:21**

# Pharisee

- Proud
- Arrogant
- Moral
- Religious
- **LOST** (Not Justified)

# Tax Collector

- Humble
- Broken
- Immoral
- Irreligious
- **SAVED** (Justified)

Pride preaches merit; humility pleads for compassion ... Pride separates by putting down others; humility identifies with others, recognizing we all have the same essential needs. Pride destroys through its alienating self-service; humility opens doors with its power to sympathize with the struggle we share. Pride turns up its nose; humility offers an open and lifted-up hand

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# Gospel Truths...

1. We Must Recognize that We Are Sinners Who Deserve Hell
2. We Must Recognize that We Cannot Earn Our Salvation By Our Good Works
3. We Must Recognize that To Be Saved, God Must Do For Us What We Cannot Do For Ourselves

# Gospel Truths...

4. We Must Repent of Our Sin & Trust What God Has Done For Us
5. SPIRITUAL PRIDE has a Blinding Effect on Men



# 10 Signs of Self-Righteousness...

1. Lack of Compassion for Struggling Sinners
2. Reject Correction
3. Love to List Good Works
4. Love to Be Recognized/Praised by Men
5. Get Angry/Question God in Suffering
6. Enjoys Comparing Self with Others
7. Prone to Legalism
8. Are Quick to Point Out Faults in Others
9. Lives Out a Superficial Spirituality
10. Confession of Sin is Largely Absent