

Journal Page

Do you consider yourself “better” or more righteous than some people because you attend church or read your Bible? What does Jesus say about this?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What’s the difference between being proud of something and being prideful?
- When do you feel humble?
- Why do you think God wants us to be humble?



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Luke 18:9-14

MAIN POINT: GOD REJECTS THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

Jesus told a story to some people who looked down on others. Jesus said, “Two men went into the temple to pray. One man was a Pharisee. The other man was a tax collector.

“The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed, ‘God, I thank You that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people. I am glad I am not like that tax collector. I fast two days a week and tithe.’

“The tax collector stood far away. He d pounded on his chest and said, ‘Have mercy on me, God! I am a sinner!’”

Jesus explained that God was happy with the tax collector, and He forgave him. But God was not happy with the Pharisee.

Jesus said, “If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you are humble, God will honor you.”

Christ Connection: The tax collector knew he needed God to forgive him, and he cried out to God. Everyone is a sinner who needs forgiveness. Jesus took the punishment for our sin by dying on the cross. We can cry out to God like the tax collector and because of Jesus, God will forgive us.

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Words Matter

Cross out the statements that do not bring honor or glory to God.

"I am glad I am not like that tax collector."

"Father, forgive me for sinning against You."

"God, I thank You that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people."

"I am the best person here. I fast two days a week and tithe."

"Have mercy on me, God! I am a sinner!"

"You alone are worthy of all glory and honor."

Word Reveal

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