

HUMILITY AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

LUKE 18:9-17

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

- The Pharisee is _____ and _____.
- The tax collector is _____ and _____ his sin.

One is justified. One isn't. One sees his need for God's mercy. One trusts in himself and his good works for salvation.

- Receiving God's mercy requires _____ and self-righteousness _____ it.
- It isn't your religious activity that _____ you before God... It's God's _____!

ROMANS 3:19-26

- Let's be careful that we don't come to Jesus as the _____ and then turn into the _____!

*"Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace."*

Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me (Augustus M. Toplady, 1776)

Jesus Loves The Little Children

- If we are going to come to Christ, we come as children... _____, _____ & _____.

"Every child born into the world is absolutely, completely, totally, actually helpless. And so it is with every child born into the kingdom of God. If Billy Graham enters the kingdom, it will not be because he has personally preached to more people than any man in history. It will not be because he remained impeccable in his finances when so many have failed. It will not be because he has been a faithful husband. It will not be because, despite his fame, he has remained a humble, self-effacing, kind man. When Billy Graham enters the kingdom, it will be because he came to Christ as a helpless child. It will be because of God's undeserved kindness towards Billy's helplessness." -- R. Kent Hughes

- As parents, we need to be _____ and _____ faith in Jesus in our kids.

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- **The tax collector is humble and acknowledges his sin.**

One is justified. One isn't. One sees his need for God's mercy. One trusts in himself and his good works for salvation.

- **Receiving God's mercy requires humility and self-righteousness prevents it.**
- **It isn't your religious activity that justifies you before God... It's God's mercy!**

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- **Let's be careful that we don't come to Jesus as the tax collector and then turn into the Pharisee!**

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