

The Delusion of Self-Righteousness

Luke 18:9-14 February 14th, 2021

V:9 The connection between those who consider themselves _____ and those who _____ others is almost inevitable.

The real problem is that to think of yourself as “righteous” in yourself is “_____”.

V:13 This man wasn’t asking God to _____ his sins. This sinner was asking for God’s _____.

V:14 The justification of the tax collector was _____. He humbly came to God on the basis of _____ and was justified. He didn’t _____ his justification, and he didn’t have a _____; he was simply justified.

V:14b “Exalted” here is a synonym for _____, a synonym for _____.

The path of self-exaltation ends up in _____. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6; 1Peter 5:5) On the other hand, all who humble themselves, confessing they can’t do anything to save themselves, will be lifted high into _____.

Notes: _____

Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) Tell us some things in your life that you are rightfully proud of.

- 2.) Have there been things in your life that you once were proud of but shouldn’t have been?

- 3.) Read Sunday’s text. (Luke 18:9-14) What are some lessons that stand out to you from Sunday’s message that you don’t want to forget?

- 4.) Look up the following scriptures and discuss their meaning and application to Sunday’s text and your life. (Ecclesiastes 7:20; Psalms 130:3; Romans 3:10, 20-26; 4:1-8; Matthew 23:23–24; 2Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:17; James 4:6; 1Peter 5:5)

- 5.) How might you summarize today’s bible lesson in a sentence or two? What are the key and most important lessons to apply to your life from this study?

- 6.) Take some time to pray for one another.