



Humble yourselves before the Lord,  
and he will lift you up.

**James 4:10** (NIV)

# The Humble Prayer

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus'  
Parables

"Thank You, God, because I'm not bad like that guy over there," prayed a proud Pharisee.

Jesus said some people trust in their own goodness and look down on others, but God's Kingdom doesn't work that way.

Jesus taught a parable about prayer: There were two men praying in the temple. One was a proud Pharisee, the other was a sinful tax collector.

The Pharisee told God, "I'm so glad I'm not like all those bad people or like that sinful tax collector over there."

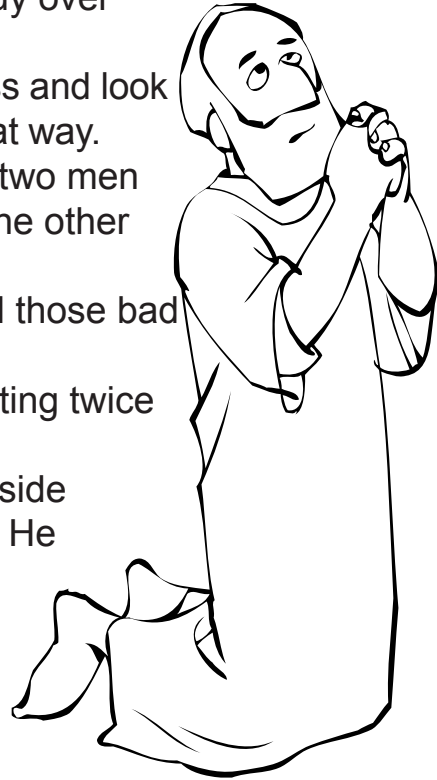
He told God about the good things he did, like fasting twice a week and giving his tithes faithfully

The tax collector was different. He barely came inside the temple. He knew he needed God's forgiveness. He wouldn't even look up toward Heaven when he prayed. He pounded his chest and humbly asked God for forgiveness.

"Have mercy on me. I've sinned," he said.

Jesus explained that only one of these men went home justified -- the one who was humble.

"Those who are humble will be honored," Jesus taught. "But those who exalt themselves will be humbled."

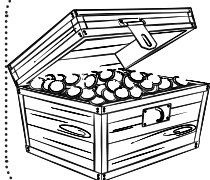


## What did we discover?

- 1) The Pharisee prayed with \_\_\_\_\_  
HUMILITY                      PRIDE                      PEACE
- 2) The tax collector prayed with \_\_\_\_\_  
HUMILITY                      PRIDE                      PEACE
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ told God all the good things he did.  
PASTOR                      TAX COLLECTOR                      PHARISEE
- 4) By being humble, the tax collector went home \_\_\_\_\_ by God.  
FAR AWAY                      JUSTIFIED                      ABANDONED



## How can I be more humble?



**Pride only hurts me.**  
Being humble helps me  
be more like Jesus.



**Father God,  
Help me live  
in humility.**

