

Two Standing Before God

Luke 18:9-14

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In the previous parable, Jesus taught that all men ought to _____. Now He shows clearly that _____ prayer and true worship depend on the spirit and motive which _____ us to pray. The _____ of the two men observed is the same. Both were in the Temple area, but the _____ of their approach to God were markedly different.

A. The Self-focused _____

1. His _____ appearance (the _____ citizen)
 - a. A good man (not a _____, but self-deceived)
 - b. An _____ man (not an extortioner)
 - c. A _____ man (not unjust, but _____ in his dealings)
 - d. A virtuous man (not an _____)
 - e. A _____ man (fasting)
 - f. A _____ man (tithing)
 - g. A _____ man (that he was not like others)
 - h. He _____ goes to church (stood in the Temple)
2. His inner _____
 - a. He misunderstood the difference between _____ and relationship with God.
 - b. He was _____ with himself.
 - c. His _____ was in himself and _____ in God.
 - d. He had no sense of personal _____ before God.
 - e. He had no _____ for others, but despised and scorned them.

B. The Self-abased _____

1. His _____ appearance
 - a. He went to _____ (Temple)
 - b. He had a sense of God's _____ (stood in the back).
 - c. His _____ was bowed.
 - d. He _____ his chest.
2. His _____ condition
 - a. He was conscious of his own _____.
 - b. He saw prayer as an _____ privilege.
 - c. He cast himself upon the _____ of God.

C. The All-knowing _____

1. He speaks with _____.
 - a. He _____ all the facts.
 - b. He had to give a _____.
2. He accurately _____ up the parable.
 - a. The self-exalted will be _____. (James 4:6)
 - b. The self-abased will be _____. (James 4:10)