
Romans 10:3 Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

He is to be rooted in these twinned truths:

1. Yes, I am a _____ by nature. On my own, helpless to change, BUT ALSO
2. A fully forgiven and _____ child of God, to be seated at the Father's own banquet table ready some day!

Key: Pg 1: mirror; Performer; Pg 2: inflated; deflated; distorted; Pg 3: Pauper; Pg 4: sinner; restored

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The Tax Collector and the Pharisee

Stories to Live By-part 2

Matthew 18:9-14

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The power of parables: a _____.

“To live for the moment is the prevailing passion—to live for yourself, not for your predecessors or posterity.”

-Christopher Lasch, *The Culture of Narcissism*.

Luke 18:9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others:

Pharisee: The “P_____”

Luke 18:10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

¹² I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.'

2 Corinthians 10:12 Not that we venture to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

Performer summary:

- The man had an _____ sense of self.
- The man had a _____ sense of God.
- The man had “a _____ sense of values.”

The (spiritual) P_____.

Luke 18:13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

The lesson of the parable; the two paths of life...

Luke 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Romans 3:24 ...and are all justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
