

Parables of Jesus – The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
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Introduction

“standard”

Important Words

“righteous”

“justified”

What is the standard for righteousness?

Who determines if we are righteous?

The Big Idea – Are other people your standard for Righteousness, or is God your standard for righteousness?

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

1. The Audience

“parable”

“some who trusted in themselves”

1. “that they were righteous”
2. “despised others”

The Parable

The Setting

The Pharisee

1. His posture and attitude
2. His moral excellencies
3. His religious merits
 - “fast twice a week”
 - “give tithes of all that I possess”

The Tax Collector

1. His posture and attitude
 - “standing afar off”
 - “would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven”
 - “beat his breast”
2. His plea - *God, be merciful to me a sinner!*
 - “be merciful to me”
 - “the sinner”

The Lesson

1. The Action of God
2. The Principle

What have we learned, and what should we do?

The Big Idea – Are other people your standard for Righteousness, or is God your standard for righteousness?

What do we learn from the Pharisee?

1. I can’t trust in myself for righteousness.
2. I should not view others with contempt.
3. Don’t use others as your standard for measuring righteousness.

What do we learn from the tax collector?

1. We are not good enough on our own.
2. God is my standard for measuring righteousness.
3. All we can do is throw ourselves on the mercy of God and beg for His grace and forgiveness.

What do we learn for ourselves?

How about you?

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery