

HOW DO I LOOK?

Luke 18.9-17

In a world where it's easy to compare ourselves to others, Jesus challenges us to see ourselves honestly before God. Through the stories of a Pharisee, a tax collector, and little children, we discover that God's kingdom belongs not to those who trust in themselves, but to those who come to Him with humble, dependent faith.

"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
Luke 18.14

What the Pharisee got wrong:

- His prayers were about himself.
- He trusted in his own good works and keeping the rules.
- He made unhelpful comparisons.
- He lacked self-awareness.

On the other hand the tax collector displayed 'Godly Humility.' How do I develop godly humility in my life?

- I begin with a right **HEART ATTITUDE**.
It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus... 1 Corinthians 1.30
- I compare myself **TO JESUS** not **OTHERS**
*...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*** Ephesians 4.13

- I am willing to confront **OLD PREJUDICES**.
I thank you that I am not... like this tax collector... Luke 18.12
- I look at others not according to their sin but according to **THEIR NEED**.
So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. 2 Cor. 5.17
- I realize that my life is entirely **DEPENDENT ON GOD**.
"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18.17
- Look **INWARD** and **CONFESS**.
Is my attitude toward God right now more like the Pharisee (entitled and boastful) or the tax collector (humble and repentant)?
- Look **OUTWARD** and **BLESS**.
Is my attitude toward the rest of the world right now more like the Pharisee/disciples (looks down on everyone) or Jesus (reaches out to all people)?

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

Today's sermon can be found on our website beaverdambaptist.org