

A Telling Prayer

Luke 18:9-14

➤ **Pharisee's "Prayer"** (v. 11-12)

- a. He _____ on the distance between him and the Tax Collector (v. 11)
"...I am not like other men..."
- b. His self-righteousness is exposed through _____ (v.11)
"...extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector." (2 Cor. 10:12,18)
- c. He appeals to his _____ as the basis for righteousness (v. 12)
"I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." (Gal. 2:16)
- d. He expresses no sense of _____.

➤ **Tax Collector's Prayer** (v.13)

- a. The distance between him and God _____ his prayer.
"...standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven."
- b. His prayer is intensely _____. *"...but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' (Luke 23:48)*
- c. He appeals to God's _____. *"...be merciful to me, a sinner." (Psalm 51:1-4)*

➤ **Jesus' Pronouncement** (v.14)

- a. Justification is God's authoritative _____. (v.14)
"I tell you..." (Luke, Romans 3:21-26, 8:33)
- b. Justification changes your _____ before God.
"...this man went down to his house justified."
- c. Self-righteousness is rooted in _____ (v.14) *"...rather than the other."*
- d. _____ yourself and trust God for your _____ (v. 14)
"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11, James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:5-6)
- e. How you pray reveals _____ you are _____.