



Humility Luke 18:9-17

Something to Start Us Off

- In your own words, define *humility*. In addition, consider the following:
 - a) *a modest or low view of one's own importance* (Oxford)
 - b) *freedom from pride or arrogance* (Merriam-Webster)

Something to Notice

- To whom did Jesus direct his parable? (v.9)
- What is the lesson that he expects us to get out of it? (v.14)
- What reason is given in v.15 for the disciples rebuking people?

Something to Understand

In v.13, where the ESV translates the end of the tax collector's prayer "a sinner," the original Greek is a little more specific. It says, "God be merciful to me, *the* sinner!"

A nice counterpart to this parable is found in Paul's "trustworthy saying" in 1 Timothy 1:15.

- How would you paraphrase the prayer of the Pharisee?
- How about the prayer of the tax collector?
- Bottom line, what do you suppose it means to "receive the kingdom of God like a child"? (v.17) In other words, what does Jesus want us to learn from this story?

Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 18, how would you describe the right attitude to have when approaching God?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 18:9-17 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?