



Luke 18:9-14 (NIV) <sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' <sup>13</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' <sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

1. **Religion Says I \_\_\_\_\_, Therefore I'm Accepted.**  
The Gospel says I'm accepted, therefore I obey.
2. **Religion Is Motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ and Insecurity.**  
The Gospel motivation is love.
3. **Religion Is Going to God to Get \_\_\_\_\_.**  
The Gospel is going to God to get God.
4. **In Religion, When Problems Come I Get \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**  
The Gospel understands that Jesus came to redeem us from the fall caused by Adam.
5. **In Religion, Your Self-worth Is Built Around Your Ability to Be a \_\_\_\_\_ Person.**  
In the Gospel our self-worth is built solely on the grace of God.
6. **Religion Encourages People to \_\_\_\_\_ That We Are Better than We Are.**  
The Gospel-centered person says I don't need to hide my sin.

**Want to Go Deeper?**

- Memorize Luke 18:14b.
- Examine how much of what you do for God is based on religion versus the Gospel.
- How have negative experiences with religious people kept you away from the Gospel?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *The Faith* by Chuck Colson.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!