

SERMON NOTES

SON OF GOD - *A Few Words* Pastor Carl Toti April 5-6, 2014

Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰ "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' ¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

MISTAKES WE MAKE

1. Making unwise comparisons

2 Cor. 10:12 "...they that compare themselves among themselves are not wise."

2. Relying on our own Righteousness

Isaiah 64:6 (TLB)

⁶ We are all infected and impure with sin. When we put on our prized robes of righteousness, we find they are but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves we fade, wither and fall. And our sins, like the wind, sweep us away.



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3. Not Receiving God's Abundant Grace

Luke 18:14

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