

Humble yourself before God

Luke 18:9-14

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

How do the two men's prayers differ, and which one goes home justified?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

When has your private prayer sounded more like a list of merits than a confession of need?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

What sin will you honestly name before God this week, instead of comparing yourself with others?

4. Who will I tell?

Who could you tell that God justifies the humble, not the impressive?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

★ Pray

God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Strip away every trace of the Pharisee in me and keep my prayers honest before you.

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