

The Pharisee & Tax Collector



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked _____ on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to _____, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The _____ 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. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the _____ stood at a distance. He would not even look up to _____, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have _____ on me, a _____.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be _____, and he who humbles himself will be _____."

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

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| collector | exalted | humbled | Pharisee | sinner |
| down | heaven | mercy | pray | tax |