



Luke 18v9-14

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## Insurance form...

*On leaving home, I pulled out of my drive and drove straight into a bus. But it wasn't my fault because the bus was 5 minutes early.*

## Key message...

When it comes to God and our sinfulness before God – we need to admit that we are in the wrong...

...and when we do that God will hear us and forgive us.



**V14:** “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.

# 1) Two Men

V9-10: To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone 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.”



## 2) Two Prayers

**V11-12:** The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—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.'



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- I am not... like others





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*“As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud person is always looking down on things and people: and of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you.” C.S Lewis*



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**V12:** I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

- I am not... like others
- I am... a legend when it comes to keeping the law



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*“Never are people’s hearts in such a helpless condition, as when they are not aware of their own sin.”*

**J.C Ryle**



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V13: “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.’”



### 3) Two Destinies

**V14:** “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

### 3) Two Destinies

- *Have you ever asked God to forgive you in the way the tax collector did?*
- *Or are you seeking a righteousness of your own, which will never be enough?*