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What's Your Attitude?

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.” **Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)**

The Difference was _____.

- The pharisee was _____.
- He claimed he had no _____.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. **Romans 3:23 (NLT)**

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. **1 John 1:8 (NLT)**

- He counted his _____ as evidence of his righteousness.

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)**

- The tax collector was _____.
- He expressed _____ for his sin.

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow. **2 Corinthians 7:10a (NLT)**

- He called out to God for _____.

⁴ But—“When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. **Titus 3:4-5 (NLT)**

Does your attitude lead

to a _____ relationship with God

or to _____-righteousness?

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize and/or meditate on Titus 3:4-5
- Repent from any arrogant attitudes in my life.
- Approach God humbly, with true thanksgiving for his grace and mercy.
- Come humbly before God, repenting of my sin and receiving Jesus as my Savior and Lord.