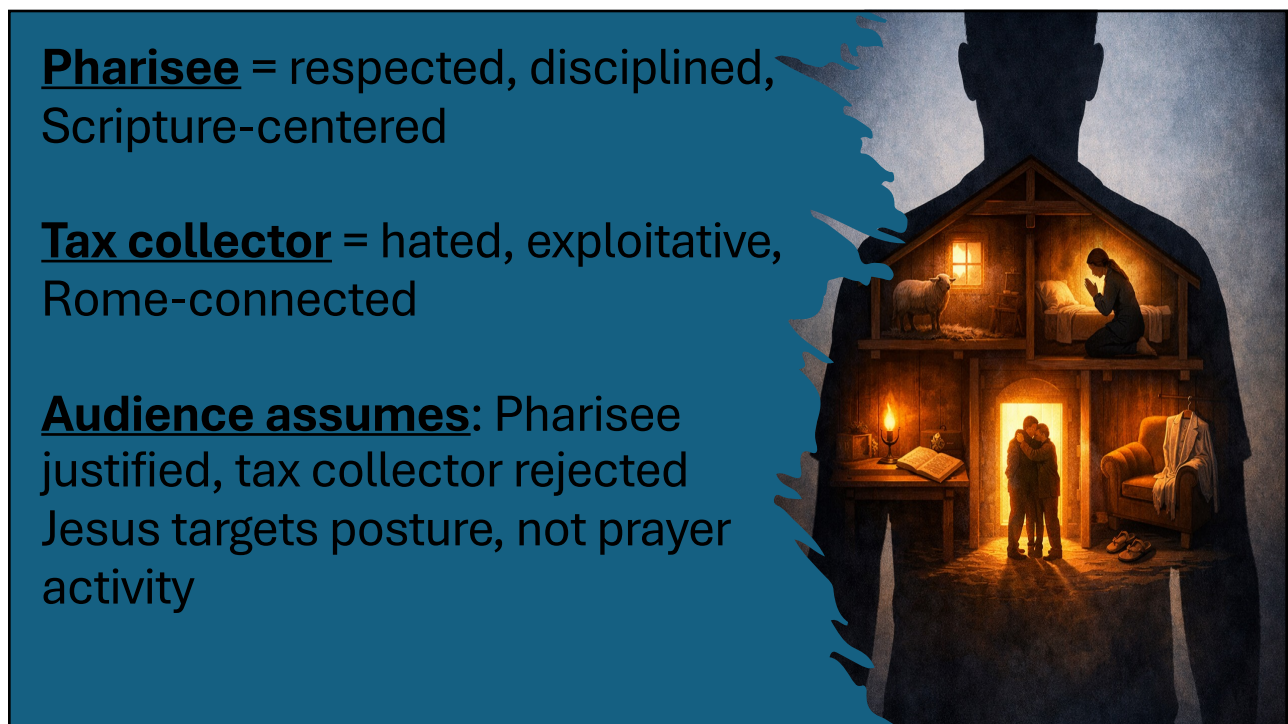


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Pharisee = respected, disciplined, Scripture-centered

Tax collector = hated, exploitative, Rome-connected

Audience assumes: Pharisee justified, tax collector rejected
Jesus targets posture, not prayer activity

2

Jesus Addresses Posture Before Practice (Luke 18:9)

Prayer can continue while dependence shifts to self-trust.

Luke names the audience first: self-trust is the target.

Self-made righteousness makes mercy optional.

Pride leaks outward as contempt and relational damage.

Application: Start from need, renounce autopilot, restore mercy.



3

Approach Determines Access (Luke 18:10)

Same temple, same moment, different approach.

Comfort in holy spaces can dull dependence.

Activity can sound right while connection is missing.

What we reward becomes our culture (performance vs mercy).

Application: come personally, arrive surrendered, build prayer at home.



4

Pride Turns Devotion Into Display **(Luke 18:11–12)**

Pride makes prayer self-centered.
A prayer without surrender can be busy but unchanged.

Comparison turns people into a scale, killing compassion.
Disciplines become badges, producing masks not intimacy.

Application: Seek tenderness, turn critique to intercession, practice hidden devotion.



5

Humility Brings the House Back to Mercy **(Luke 18:13)**

Humility is truth + trust in God's mercy.
God heals what's brought into the light (honesty).

Confession restores relationship without bargaining.

Mercy makes the house safe for return and restoration.

Application: come honestly, pray simple mercy prayers, make room for the returning.



6

**Christ Secures What Humility
Receives (Luke 18:14; Phil 2:5–11)**

Justification is received, not achieved.
Grace received turns prayer into rest,
not anxiety.

The Kingdom reverses pride: down
before up.

Jesus chose the low place, then was
exalted.

Application: receive mercy cleanly,
choose the low place, pursue unity
through humility.



7

CONCLUSION

God is framing this house.

Humility holds His presence.

Mercy keeps us united.

Check our hearts and make
sure we are not falling into
routine, NO PERFORMANCE.



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