

## Luke 18:9-17

<sup>9</sup>And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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<sup>15</sup>And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called for them, saying, “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup>Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.”

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### SERMON NOTES

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### Childlike

Luke 18:9-17

Watched a child recently?

Softness of soul pliability

Could you be that way again? (toward God)

Luke 18:14b “...he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Children were secondary (to the disciples)

Children were primary (to Jesus)

Children illustrate the spiritual path for adults

2 men at prayer

Core qualification is a desperate sense of need/humility.

Critical hearts are always proud.

Jesus was childlike – His prayer life was proof.

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What does your prayer life prove?