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Learn Humbly

Luke 18:9-14 (NASB)

⁹And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹"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. ¹²'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' ¹³"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!' ¹⁴"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."

Why Should We Learn Humbly?

1. Pride Prevents _____ and _____ (v. 9)

Proverbs 16:18 (NASB)

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.

2. Pride Blinds Us From _____ (v. 11)

Matthew 7:3-5 (NASB)

³Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

3. God Himself _____ The Proud (v. 14)

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NASB)

⁵You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. ⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.

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