

CONTAGIOUS GRATITUDE:

Rescued By Mercy

Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

Gratitude grows from a life overcome by God's mercy.

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⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated 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, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Pharisee:

The Pharisee has so much about him to _____ and to _____.

Jesus' _____ would have looked on this man with favor.

Jesus wants you to see the _____ but _____ heart issue in the Pharisee.

- A self-focused man.
- Self-focus leads to a life of comparison.
- Comparison ends in emptiness.

Gratitude cannot be sustained by _____.

The Publican:

The publican is _____, _____, and _____.

Jesus _____ the publican.

- He is a humble man.
- He abandons himself to the mercy of God.
- God's mercy leads to gratitude.

Gratitude grows from God's _____.

Gratitude _____ your life.