

TAKEAWAY THOUGHT

When you come before God,
make it all about mercy.

At [GraceLife Church](#), our mission is drawing people
into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ!

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize [Psalm 51:17 \(NASB\)](#) “[17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.](#)”
- Accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. 1st Time Recommit
- I will choose to come before God and make it not about self, but all about Him and His mercy.
- I will apply today's message by _____
_____.



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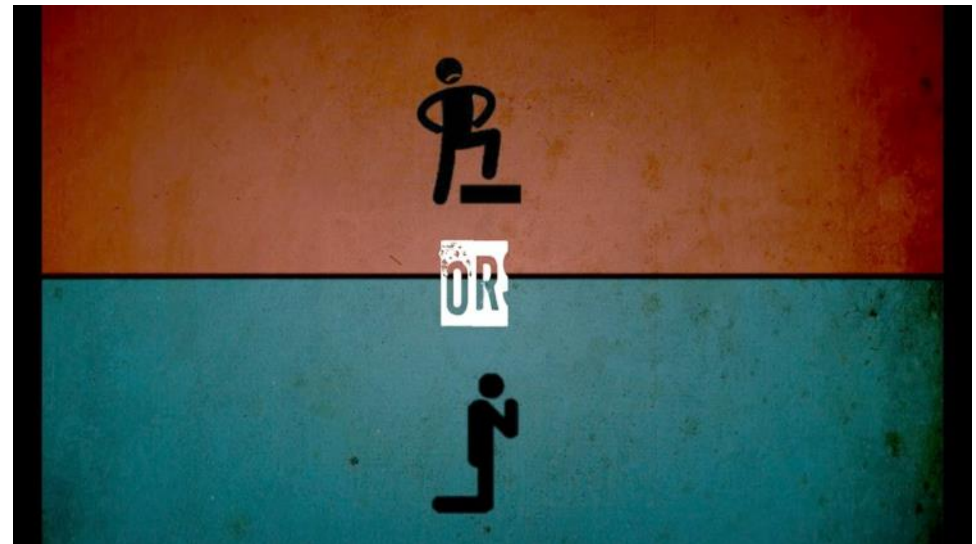


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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ Wednesdays in the Word is taking a break until mid-January.
- ⇒ Tonight - 5th Sunday Family Fun Night; starts @ 4:00pm
- ⇒ Feb 12th - 2nd Sunday Family Valentine Celebration
- ⇒ Feb 26th - 4th Sunday Family Lunch Fellowship directly after service



VIEWPOINT

Luke 18:9-14

[#Mercy](#) [#Pride](#) [#Humility](#)

Sunday, January 29, 2017

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MEMORY VERSE

“[17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God,
You will not despise.](#)” [Psalm 51:17 \(NASB\)](#)

⁹ And 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." Luke 18:9-14 (NASB)

THE WRONG WAY TO APPROACH GOD

The Pharisee's 3 mistakes in approaching God are:

1. Making _____ the center of his prayers

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself..."

Luke 18:11 (NASB)

2. Comparing _____ favorably to others.

¹¹ ...God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector." Luke 18:11 (NASB)

"At least I never ..."

We tend to judge ourselves based on our best intentions, while we judge others based on their worst actions.

3. Approach God with a smug sense of _____ - _____.

¹² I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get." Luke 8:12 (NASB)

You will never ever earn your place in the kingdom of God based on the good things you do.

⁶ For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment..." Isaiah 64:6 (NASB)

THE RIGHT WAY TO APPROACH GOD

1. He made it all about _____.

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¹⁶ For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise."

Psalm 51:16-17 (NASB)