



**Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way**

October 23, 2016

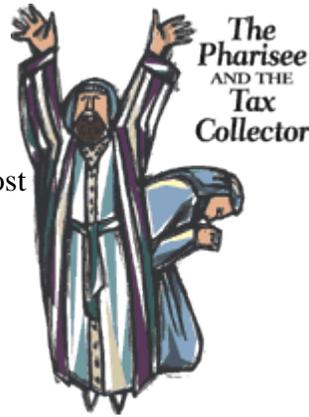
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalms 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



**The Pharisee
AND THE
Tax
Collector**

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Object: None needed.

Have you ever known someone who thought they were much better than everyone else and deserved special treatment?

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus tells a story about a man who thought he was better than everyone else. In the story that Jesus told, two men went to the temple to pray. One of the men was a Pharisee, a religious group that was very strict in obeying the law of Moses. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: "I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I'm certainly not like that tax collector over there! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of all my income."

The tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he bowed his head in sorrow, saying, "Oh God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner."

Now, which of these two prayers do you think was pleasing to God? You are right. The prayer of the tax collector. Jesus said, "The tax collector, not the Pharisee returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted."

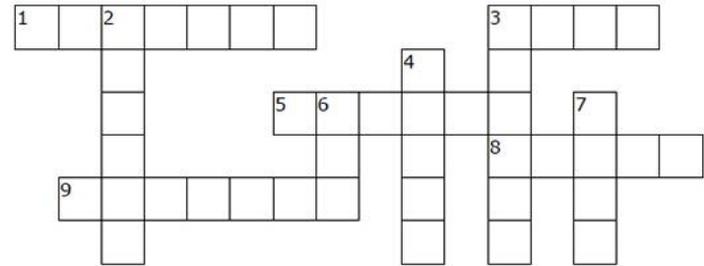
When we are tempted to brag about ourselves, we need to remember that other people are not impressed -- and neither is God!

Dear Father, we pray that you would help us to remain humble so that we would not think more highly of ourselves than we ought. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- Used by permission, sermons4kids

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; strive side by side for the faith of the gospel. Alleluia

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A person who performs duties around the home of a master
3. To like something very much
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
8. To have complete confidence in someone
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something

DOWN

2. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
3. A very small amount
4. The Son of God
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
7. A very large amount

MUCH	OWE	LITTLE	SERVANT	DESPISE
LOVE	RICHES	HONEST	TRUST	JESUS

HUMBLE PIE: Give the child 6 pieces of a pie-cut-out (of a paper plate) and have them piece them together so that the word HUMBLE (one letter of this word on each piece of pie) will be seen. The child can try to think of a word for each letter that would explain HUMBLE.

HUMBLE ROCK: Let the child decorate or paint a smooth rock and write I WANT TO BE HUMBLE.... or HUMILITY... Luke 18:14. (They can put it on their dresser in their bedroom.)



THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

LUKE 18:9-14

