

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - NOVEMBER 11, 2018

TOPIC: LEARNING FROM THE "FOOLS" OF THE BIBLE

Sermon 6: *The Self-Righteous Fool!*

TEXT: Luke 18:9-14; Proverbs 12:15

INTRO: The Reason For The Parable!

"fool" = Hebrew, "ewil," meaning, "a person lacking wisdom"

THREE PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING OUR

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS:

I. WE MUST NOT TRUST OUR SELF-

RIGHTEOUSNESS: v.9

Note: The Pharisee was "confident" of his own righteousness!

Reasons Not To Trust Our Self-Righteousness

1. No one is righteous - Romans 3:10, 23
2. Our self-righteousness are like filthy rags before a Holy God - Isaiah 64:6
3. Our self-righteousness will send us to eternal punishment - Matthew 23:33

II. WE MUST NOT CONSIDER OUR SELF-

RIGHTEOUSNESS AS BETTER THAN OTHERS':

vv.9-12

Note: In verse 9, the Pharisee, "looked down" on others, including the tax collector - v.11

How Did The Pharisee Show His Self-Righteousness

And Looked Down On Others?

1. By what he DID - he "prayed" (v.11)
Note: He "prayed" to and about himself!
2. By what he SAID - "God, I thank you that..." (vv.11-12)
 - The "I Syndrome!"
 - A. He was "not like other men"
 - B. He fasts "twice a week" - cf. Lev. 19:31; Matt. 6:16-18
 - Pastor Alan Carr
 - C. He gives "a tenth of all" he gets - great tither!

III. WE MUST NOT THINK THAT OUR SELF

RIGHTEOUSNESS CAN & WILL SAVE US:v13-14

Note: The tax collector was "justified," i.e., saved, and not the Pharisee!

How?

1. By what he DID - v.13a
 - A. He "stood at a distance"
 - B. He "would not even look up to heaven" - v.13b
- Dr. Peter Masters
 - C. He "beat his breast" - v.13b
- John MacArthur
 2. By what he SAID - *God, have mercy on me, THE sinner."*

CONCLUSION: Luke 18:14!

Now He's Meddlin'!

Two elderly, excited Southern women were sitting in the front pew of the church listening to a fiery preacher. When this preacher condemned the sin of stealing, these two ladies cried out, "Amen, Brother!" When the preacher condemned the sin of lust, they yelled again, "You preach it, Reverend!" And when the preacher condemned the sin of lying, they jumped to their feet and hollered, "RIGHT ON, BROTHER! TELL IT LIKE IT IS...AMEN!" But when the preacher condemned the sin of gossip, the two got very quiet. One turned to the other and said, "He's quit preaching and now he's meddlin'!" - Cybersalt.org

Verse For Today

"The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice!" - Proverbs 12:15

Food For Thought

"A bore is a man who spends so much time talking about himself that you can't talk about yourself!" - Paul L. Tan