

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup> 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!’ <sup>14</sup> 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.”

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# The Humbling Conclusion

Luke 18:9-14

Introduction: How strong is your spiritual CV?

## 1) God rejects the man who can do no wrong.

Regarding himself as righteous

Regarding others with contempt



After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

## 2) Jesus accepts the man who can do no right.

Ready to admit his mistakes

Ready to ask for mercy

Conclusion: A warning or a welcome?

Next week:

Series: Losing my religion

Talk: The Radical Solution (Philippians 3:1-11)

Speaker: Mark O'Donoghue