

DIGGING DEEPER

Series: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?
Sermon: *The Attitude of Prayer*
Scripture: Luke 18:9-14



GETTING STARTED

Why does it matter what our attitude is when we approach God in prayer?

BIBLE STUDY

Read Luke 18:9-14 and answer the following questions:

1. Who was Jesus primarily addressing with this parable?
 - What causes people to be “confident of their own righteousness” and to look “down on everybody else”?
2. What do we learn from the following verses that should help us to develop a proper self-image:
 - Romans 3:9-12
 - Romans 3:21-24
 - 1 John 1:8-10
3. How would you describe the way that society viewed each of the men in this parable?
4. Do you think the Pharisee was praying silently to himself in verses 11-12? Explain.
5. What is significant about the tax collector’s prayer of verse 13?
6. Why would Jesus’ statement in verse 14 shock his listeners?

APPLY IT

Think about your prayer life—how you pray, when you pray, why you pray, what you pray for—what does your prayer life reveal about your attitudes towards:

- Prayer
- Yourself
- God