

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#70 – “The Prayers of Two Men – What a Contrast!”

Luke 18:9-14

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Pastor Don’s grandson

1. Discipline, correction and shame

##### B. Shame can be a powerful force.

1. Not always a bad word

2. Matthew 5:4; II Corinthians 7:8-10

##### C. Today’s study

1. Two men’s prayers

2. Luke 18:9-14

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 18:9

1. Context is everything.

2. The numeral two comes into play.

##### B. Luke 18:10

1. The identity of the men

a. The tax collector

b. The Pharisee

##### C. Luke 18:11-12

1 The Pharisee appears to pray to himself rather than God.

a. Inaudible – I Samuel 1:13

b. Almost self-congratulatory

2. Thanks for not being like this sinner

a. Sheer hypocrisy.

b. Note the list of people he is not like.

3. He makes his case to God.

a. Fasting

b. Tithing

##### D. Luke 18:13

1. A passionate prayer asking for mercy

a. Three parts of the prayer

1. God

2. Sinner

3. Mercy

##### E. Luke 18:14

1. He was justified – counted as righteous

#### III. Points for Reflection

A. Our own merits are never enough when laid before God’s judgment seat.

B. The longer we live in Christ, the more we should experience the simplicity of our walk with God.

C. Humility in spirit is the true reflection of our lowly estate.

D. Lowliness confirms why there is no cause for pride.