By What Standard?  
Luke 18:9-14

1A. Introduction

2A. Parable Addressed (vs. 9)

1B. Christ addressed this parable to those “who trusted in t________________ that they were righteous.”

2B. This same group of people viewed others “with c______________, considering them to be less spiritual.

3A. Characters Contrasted (vs. 10-14)

The Morally Self-Righteous (vs. 11-12)

1B. His Demeanor:

1C. He s________ praying, and the context seems to indicate that his whole stance displayed a prideful attitude.

2C. He prayed a__________, in order to be heard as well as seen.

2B. His Self-Evaluation:

1C. The Pharisee’s assessment of himself shows that he, not God, was at the c____________ of his universe.

3B. His Accomplishments:

1C. He fasted t________ a week; according to the Law, only one fast a y_______ was required. He also tithed e_______________ he had; the Law only required tithes on certain items.

2C. He was trusting in his outward w________, not in God.

The Morally Unrighteous (vs. 13-14)

1B. His Demeanor:

1C. He stood “some distance a_______,” not in the center of everything, and he didn’t even deem himself worthy to look up toward H_________.

2B. His Self-Evaluation:

1C. He saw himself very clearly as a s__________ in great need of God’s m__________.

3B. His Accomplishments:

1C. The Publican knew he had n___________ to offer God!

4A. Righteousness Assessed (vs. 14)

1B. The P__________ went home unjustified, for he felt no need for any righteousness but his own. The Publican went home justified, for he KNEW he needed God’s m__________.

Walking In The Truth: As Christians, we are responsible to live out God’s Word in our daily lives (Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 6:46; James 1:22-25). Upon studying and being taught God’s Word, we need to ask ourselves: How can I apply, in a practical way, the divine truths and principles of God’s Word that I have heard today? What changes do I need to make in my thoughts, attitudes, and actions in order to be more Christ-like?