### The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

**9**He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: **10**“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.**11**The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+18.1-14&version=ESV#fen-ESV-25690a)] thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

**13**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!’ **14**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.”

[Matthew 19:1-2] Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. **2**And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

### The Rich Young Man [Mt. 19:16-30; Mk 10:17-31; Lk 18:18-30]

**16**[as he was setting out on his journey MK] And behold, a man [a certain ruler LK] came up to him, saying, “[Good MK, LK] Teacher, what good deed must I do to have
[inherit MK, LK] eternal life?”

**17**And he said to him, “[Why do you call me good? MK] Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. [No one is good except God alone.MK, LK]

If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” **18**He said to him, “Which ones?”

And Jesus said, “[you knowthe commandments MK, LK] You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, **19**Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**20**The young man said to him, “All these I have kept [from my youth MK]. What do I still lack?”

**21**[When Jesus heard this LK] [looking at him, loved him MK], and Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, [you lack one thing MK] go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

**22**[Disheartened by the saying MK] When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful [very sad LK], for he had great possessions [was very wealthy LK].

**23**And Jesus [looked around MK … at him LK] said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.

[And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, ”Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! MK] **24**Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

**25**When the disciples heard this, they were greatly [exceedingly MK] astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

**26**But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

 **27**Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?”

**28**Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

[Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. MK] **29**And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold [many times as much in this age LK] and will inherit eternal life.

**30**But many who are first will be last, and the last first.