

How deep does the gospel go? (Luke 18:9-14)

All of us are on a quest

“When you’re young you *[have to]* prove how brave you are, or smart; then what a good lover; then, what a good father; finally how wise, or powerful, or what-the-hell ever...” – Arthur Miller, *After the Fall*

Does my life pass the test? Have I passed the test?
...How do we pass the test?

A. The way of the Pharisee

The Pharisee – a bad guy?

All-in-all, this guy is great!

The problem (v.9):
Not that the Pharisee is _____, but that he is _____!

Not our problem, right?

The Pharisee as a mirror

i. Like to b_____

How this Pharisee prays
The subtle ways we do it

What I end up with

ii. Like to c_____

Pride at its heart is competitive

No wonder we go looking....

When it might actually be easiest to fall into this trap

iii. Like to s_____

B. The way of the tax collector

Posture

THE sinner

“Have mercy on me”, lit. “Atoned for my sin”

“Be not a false but a real sinner...” (Luther)

Where Jesus meets us

grace