

THE PHARISEE & THE TAX COLLECTOR

Based on Luke 18:14B (NIV)

Decoder

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
S	V	T	K	Q	B	W	H	C	R	M	L	D	O	U	G	A	Z	F	E	X	P	Y	J	I	N

1. 22-17-10-17-6-12-20 _____
2. 8-20-17-2-20-26 _____
3. 11-20-10-9-23 _____
4. 20-21-17-12-3 _____
5. 3-20-11-22-12-20 _____
6. 8-15-11-6-12-20 _____
7. 22-10-17-23 _____
8. 1-25-26-26-20-10 _____

MERCY	PARABLE	SINNER	PRAY
EXALT	HEAVEN	TEMPLE	HUMBLE

WELCOME

Theme: he who exalts himself will be humbled
(Luke 18:14b)

Headed For A Fall



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Jesus taught his disciples that whenever people boast and brag about the great things that they do, they are headed for a fall! He told about two men who went to the temple. One of the men bragged about all of the great things he did and thanked God that he wasn't like those other sinners in the temple. The other man, instead of bragging about how great he was, humbly asked God to forgive him for all of the times he failed to be the kind of person that God wanted him to be.

Jesus was not the least bit impressed with all of the boasting of the first man. Most of the things he did, he did to impress other people. Jesus said that we should be humble -- like the second man. After all, when we compare our goodness to the goodness of Jesus, it just doesn't stack up, does it?

Heavenly Father, help us to remember that when we build our life upon our own goodness, we are headed for a fall. Instead, let us put our trust in your righteousness, for then we will find favor in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector