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**Some thoughts to take with you . . . . . *Humble Dependence***

Whatever it be that makes us trust in ourselves that we are comparatively wise or good, so as to treat those with contempt who do not subscribe to our doctrines, or follow our party, is a proof and fruit of a self-righteous spirit. Self-righteousness can feed upon doctrines, as well as upon works; and a man may have the heart of a Pharisee, while his head is stored with orthodox notions of the unworthiness of the creature and the riches of free grace.

John Newton

Remember, it is not your weakness that will get in the way of God's working through you, but your delusions of strength. His strength is made perfect in our weakness! Point to His strength by being willing to admit your weakness.

Paul David Tripp

Spiritual emotions result in Christian practice because they always exist alongside spiritual humiliation. Humility before God inspires obedience, just as pride inspires rebellion. Humility, then, necessarily leads to Christian practice.

Jonathan Edwards

The best definition of humility I ever heard was this – to think rightly of ourselves.

C.H. Spurgeon

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

The Apostle Paul: Romans 12:3

The basic approach that God accepts is trusting in His mercy, not assuming that one has the right to receive blessing for one's activity. The assurance of this mercy is made available after Jesus' ministry on the basis of His sacrificial death.

Darrell L. Bock

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# KIDS NOTES

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### The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *The Pharisee prayed:*

- A. with great humility.
- B. with great pride.
- C. using prayer beads.
- D. all of the above.

2. *The tax collector prayed:*

- A. with a plea for mercy.
- B. with great humility.
- C. admitting he was a sinner.
- D. all of the above.

3. *Jesus used a child as an example of:*

- A. sin.
- B. humble dependence.
- C. messy eating.
- D. all of the above

**For Family Discussion:** What is to be our great motive in coming to God in prayer: *our benefit, or God's authority?* Why?

### Space to Doodle

### Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

PRAYER _____	TOTAL: _____
PARABLE _____	_____
AUTHORITY _____	_____
DEPENDENT _____	_____
JESUS _____	_____
JUDGE _____	_____

### Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

HUMILITY PRAYER TEMPLE PHARISEE TAX COLLECTOR PARABLE  
 SIN DEPENDENCE CHILD PERMIT DISCIPLE ARROGANCE PRIDE SIN  
 CALLING KINGDOM POSTURE FAST TITHE MUSIC HUMOR FUN  
 FAITH CHURCH PAY MERCY SINNER COURT

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P X C R H X E H S G C I H E Q
L O C O H C U L N V S J E L G
T Y S U L M R I P R I D E B P
B I M T I L L U G I D N D A A
T O T L U L E J H X C L C R V
R A I H A R R C B C I S T A P
Q T X C E Z E C T H A R I P R
Y K I N G D O M C O R E M D A
D E P E N D E N C E R N U Y Y
T I M R E P F A S T O N S C E
E E S I R A H P E T G I I R R
H T I A F V F M R I A S C E C
V K N U Y A P U N U N K U M Y
W J N T X L O O S P C X M N X
G S H M E C A C I C E E V U V

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