



“... all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”  
— Luke 18:14b (NRSVUE)

## **Humility begins when I stop seeing what is wrong with them**

**and start asking** \_\_\_\_\_.

“Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust.  
— Luke 18:9 (CEB)

**Comparison keeps me from seeing** \_\_\_\_\_.

“The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like everyone else.’” — Luke 18:11 (CEB)

## **God does not transform the image I present. God transforms**

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“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn’t even lift his eyes to look toward heaven.” — Luke 18:13a (CEB)

**Humility helps me receive** \_\_\_\_\_.

— Luke 18:14b (CEB)

### **Reflection Questions:**

- † Where have I been using comparison to avoid seeing what God wants to transform in me ?
- † Where am I presenting an image to God instead of offering my real self ?
- † Who have I been viewing through judgment instead of mercy ?

### **Daily Prayer**

God of mercy, help me stop comparing, performing, and hiding. Teach me to stand honestly before You and receive the grace You are already offering. Soften my heart toward others so that my life reflects humility, mercy, and love. Amen.