

Luke 18:9-14 Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

"Two persons went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."