

Thrive
Nobody's Perfect

I. Introduction

- A. God loves everybody!
- B. You never know who is just one ask away from following Jesus.
- C. We want our lives, and our homes, to be like a "Matthew's party" so we can bring people, and Jesus together!
- D. As a general rule, if we're bad at something, at least we know we're bad!
- E. This is a place where nobody's perfect!
- F. Luke 18:9 (NLT) *Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else.*
- G. Luke 18:10 (NLT) *"Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector."*
- H. Luke 18:11-12 (NLT) ¹¹*"The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector!'"* ¹²*"I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income."*
1. Distancing yourself from other people was one of the ways that you proclaimed your devotion to God.
- I. Luke 18:13 (NLT) *"But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.'"*
- J. Luke 18:14 (NLT) *"I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*
1. There's an incredible freedom that comes when you don't have to hide anymore!
 2. Healing comes when you are known. Sickness remains when you hide.
 3. The church is supposed to be a place where nobody's perfect!
 4. Nobody had ever seen a rabbi who would love the kind of people that He would love!
 5. Jesus can make you real like God always intended you to be real!

II. Conclusion