

WHAT  
WOULD  
JESUS  
UNDO?



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So did Jesus!

# Self-Righteousness

...do not be like the hypocrites...

**Matthew 6:5 NIV**

Self-righteous people care more about how they do what they do than why they do what they do.



“**Why** do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

**Matthew 7:3 NIV**

Self-righteousness makes us bad  
at honesty and good at hypocrisy.



Self-righteousness causes us  
to prioritize being right  
over being kind.



Self-righteous people love to  
correct but hate being corrected.



To some who were confident of  
their own righteousness and  
**looked down on** everyone else,  
Jesus told this parable:

**Luke 18:9 NIV**



Self-righteous people see people  
who are different from them  
as less than them.



“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee...

**Luke 18:10 NIV**

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

**Luke 18:10 NIV**



The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you **that I am not like other people**—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

**Luke 18:11 NIV**

Self-righteous people look down  
on the sinners who sin  
differently than they do.



I fast twice a week and give a tenth  
of all I get.'

**Luke 18:12 NIV**

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘**God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**’

**Luke 18:13 NIV**



Grace

Pride



In his pride the wicked man does  
not seek him; in all his thoughts  
there is **no room for God.**

**Psalm 10:4 NIV**

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home **justified** before God.

**Luke 18:14 NIV**



For all those who exalt themselves  
will be humbled, and those who  
**humble themselves** will be  
exalted.”

**Luke 18:14 NIV**

God isn't impressed with  
our morality, He is moved  
by our humility.



Those who have freely  
received grace should also  
freely give grace.

Grace has always been and  
will always be scandalous.



**We are all sinners.**

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**We are all sinners loved by God.**

And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

**James 4:6 NIV**



Come near to God and he will  
come near to you. Wash your  
hands, you sinners, and purify your  
hearts, you double-minded.

**James 4:8 NIV**

Grieve, mourn and wail. Change  
your laughter to mourning and your  
joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves before the  
Lord, and he will lift you up.

**James 4:9-10 NIV**



The Lord is **close** to the  
brokenhearted and saves those  
who are crushed in spirit.

**Psalms 34:19 NIV**

You never know what may hang  
in the balance of your decision  
to admit you need grace.



Religion values  
commandments over compassion,  
sin over sinners,  
and law over grace.  
Jesus prioritizes you.