

Handout April 5, 2024

The Moral Sinner
Luke 18:9-14

Welcome back and here we go!

Tonight we will look at all our goodness! Let's celebrate how good we really are.

I mean, thank goodness we are not like some of those other people, and you know who I mean.

Those people that drink too much, those people that just gossip so much, those people that cuss constantly, the pot smokers, the porn watchers, the ones with bad teeth, dirty hair or dirty homes.... the complainers, the ones that are mad about every stuff.... the people that won't forgive their own children, the people who seem to lie constantly, the people who take --- take --- take and never give.

You know who I'm talking about ----- THOSE PEOPLE!

Luke 18:9-14 NLT

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else:

¹⁰ "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

¹³ "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.'

¹⁴ 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 are two types of sinners: _____ and _____.

- The IMMORAL SINNER
 - We just talked about them.
 - Good thing we are not like them!
- The MORAL SINNER

2) These are all lessons you can study in the _____.

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It's vital to understand Jesus did not condemn sinners. He condemned hypocrites! (pg 1)

3) Those who become _____ see their _____ and _____ it. (pg 2)

→ *The MORAL SINNER - can never achieve HOLINESS because they are always in JUDGMENT.*

4) Anyone can _____, but can you _____?

→ *The MORAL SINNER - is LEGALISTIC.*

Romans 14

→ *The WEAKER BELIEVER*

- Strong on scruples; operates on criteria from emotions, feelings, traditions, background; works from the energy from flesh; proud and critical of stronger; gossips, judges, maligns; has a guilt complex; is sensitive and easily hurt; jealous of others.

→ *The STRONGER BELIEVER*

- Mature, oriented to grace and to the plan of God; is occupied with Christ; does not judge another's walk, but instead recognizes his or her own weaknesses and need.

5) _____ should be our GO TO!

1. Who are you judging?
2. Why can't you show grace and accept another's need?

IF YOU WANT TO BE MORE CHRIST-LIKE, YOU MUST SEEK TO SAVE AND NOT TO CONDEMN.

John 3:16-17 ¹⁶ ***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*** ¹⁷ ***For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.***

Let' pray God continues to give us grace and discernment.