

Faith Like A Child

Luke 18:9-30

Okay then, here we go again. We are focused on mental attitude and details of life. Today's scriptures are - again - ones we have all heard and have formed opinions about and thought about. Yet, hopefully they can come alive to you in new ways. God's Word is alive. Now our hearts just have to be open to receive.

Luke 18:9-30

Once again, our scriptures are set in blocks and are seemingly separate --- and well, they are. There are four teaching points here and each could be several lessons.

It starts out, "He spoke to some who trusted in themselves."

Luke 18:9-14

So before we scoff let's ask ourselves:

1. a) How do you know when a person puts more trust in themselves than God?

b) How do you know when they trust God?

2. What is the difference between a moral and immoral Believer?

If you have read ahead and answer because of what I say next, you're cheating!! Seriously though, how we answer that, on a psychological level, exposes our position. So as Jesus says, "People who trust in themselves", He points out their prayer life. What do you pray for? What do you need forgiveness for?

The Pharisee acts as though he has earned something.

Luke 18:15-17

3. How childlike are you?

4. Why are Believers skeptical about what God can or will do?

John 14:7-18 (Faith)

It takes childlike faith to believe this. It really does. Because who really believes God will do whatever you ask? I do.

Luke 18:18-29

Okay, full circle --- another guy who thinks he has earned something.

Mark 10:17-22

There's something different here.

The Pharisee was self-righteous. The rich ruler was --- well, rich.

Do you know it is nearly impossible to stop trusting something that we feel is taking care of us?... The details of life....

With God, it is possible.

What is the relevance here? We know this truth. It is not a surprise or shocker. So what is the take-away?

What's relevant is our ability to not see ourselves here. If you don't feel the Spirit challenging you daily, you may be numb to it and have complete trust in yourself.

If you can't forgive someone it may be you feel they owe you to be better, because you are not like them. That is why God favors you and not them.

If you struggle with doing things for God that aren't your idea....

5. Is giving up everything required to serve?

Let's pray. Like children.....