

Luke 18:9-14 NIV

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 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. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “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.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Arrogance is Blinding

3 arrogant lies that blind us:

I’m better than you!

Galatians 6:3-4 NIV

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.

I did this!

1 Corinthians 4:7 CEV

What is so special about you? What do you have that you were not given? And if it was given to you, how can you brag?

James 1:17 NCV

Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows.

I’ve got this!

Proverbs 28:26 NCV

Those who trust in themselves are foolish, but those who live wisely will be kept safe.

James 4:6 CEV

In fact, God treats us with even greater kindness, just as the Scriptures say,

“God opposes everyone who is proud, but he is kind to everyone who is humble.”

Response

I’m choosing to see through the lies