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"So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;" - Colossians 3:12

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,"

- Philippians 2:3-5

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- Jesus uses a Pharisee as an example!

- One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
- One "belonged" in the temple and the other did not.
- One knew the Scriptures and even wore the Scriptures. The other did not.
- One was viewed as very religious, and the other was viewed as unworthy.

One prayed in a manner that pleased God (the tax collector), and the other did not (the Pharisee).

"The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get." (vss. 11-12)

But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' (vs. 13)

"I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." (vs. 14)

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