





<sup>9</sup> To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' <sup>13</sup> "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.' <sup>14</sup> "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."**

-Luke 18v9-14 TNIV



**Sin (hamartano)**

**1: to miss the mark**

High Resolution

**Justified (dikaioo)**

**to pronounce one to be righteous**

High Resolution

**Humble (tapeinoo)**

**1: to make low  
2: to see oneself rightly, clearly**

High Resolution

**Exalt (hupsoo)**

**1: to lift up  
2: give dignity to  
3: honor**

High Resolution

**The Pharisee reflected on his life by contrasting himself with the tax collector and was blind to his own need for mercy. He justified and exalted himself, but God humbled him and did not justify him.**

High Resolution

**The tax collector reflected on his life by contrasting himself with God and saw himself clearly. He humbled himself and confessed his sin, and God both justified and exalted him.**

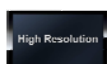
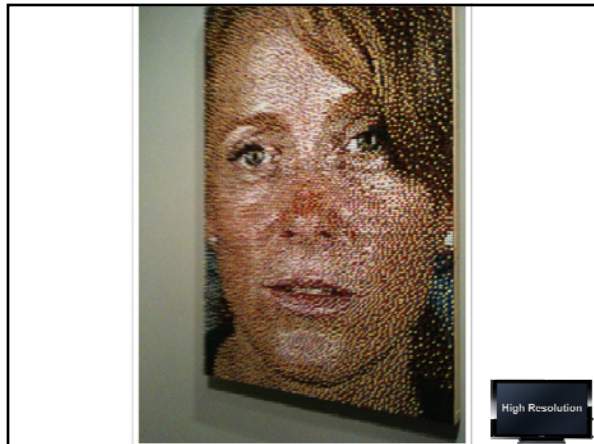
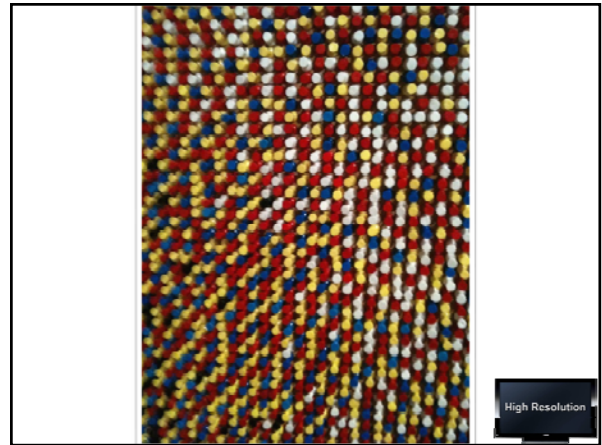
High Resolution

**How can we see ourselves clearly and from God's perspective, like the tax collector, and not be blind to ourselves, like the Pharisee?**

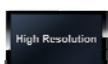


**Resolution**


- 1: the act of determining**
- 2: a measure of the clarity of an image**



**Reflect on your life in a way that helps you see yourself clearly and from God's perspective. Then make resolutions based on this clearer image of yourself.**




**Reflection Tool-**  
**Ask "Why?" Again**



***Marriage/Dating/Friendships***


**(If married) How has my marriage gone over the past year? Why? Ask "why?" again... and again.**

**(If unmarried and dating) How have my dating relationships gone over the past year? Why? Ask "why?" again... and again.**




***Marriage/Dating/Friendships***

**How have my friendships gone over the past year? Why? Ask "why?" again... and again.**




***Family***

**How have I related to my children, parents, and siblings over the past year? Why? Ask "why?" again... and again**




***Career***

**How have I progressed in my career goals during this past year? Why? Ask "why?" again... and again.**



***Emotional Life***

**How do I feel right now at this moment? Why? Ask "why?" again... and again.**



**Faith**

Have I grown closer to Christ in my character this year? Why, or why not? Ask "why?" again... and again.



**Faith**

Have I grown in my relationships with God and other people over the past year? Why, or why not? Ask "why?" again... and again.

