

Pivot: Signallers of Virtue

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Now He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and began praying this in regard to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, crooked, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

[Luke 18:9-14 \(NASB\)](#)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are some specific instances when you have caught yourself “virtue signalling”?
2. What attitude shifts would allow you to be at peace with having been approved by God, rather than seeking approval from God?