

*From today's **Parable of the Two Sons** (Matthew 21:28-32)...*

The Pharisee	The Tax Collector	You?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He did not change his mind, even after he observed what was happening. • He disobeyed. • He did not believe. • He was hypocritical (said one thing, did another). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He changed his mind on reflection - he repented. • He obeyed the gospel call. • He believed in the new way of righteousness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How often do you reflect, change your mind and repent? • Are you aware of ever being hypocritical in your response to the gospel?

*From the **Parable of the Tax Collector and Pharisee** (Luke 18:9-14)...*

The Pharisee	The Tax Collector	You?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He "trusted in himself, that he was righteous". • He justified himself, in the sight of men. • He exalted himself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He cried "be merciful to me, a sinner!" • He went home justified (before God). • He humbled himself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you take your salvation for granted? • Do you modify your behaviour in front of other people? • How's your humility going?

*From the story of **the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her hair** (Luke 7:36-50)...*

The Pharisee	The Sinner	You?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon (the Pharisee) showed no honour, or even common courtesy, to Jesus, his guest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The woman washed and kissed Jesus' feet - displayed great honour and devotion. • She was forgiven much, so she loved much. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you honour Jesus? • Do you love him as much as you used to? • How aware are you of your own sin?

*The Pharisee was astonished that [Jesus] **did not first wash** before dinner (Luke 11:38-52)*

The Pharisee	The Sinner	You?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He “cleanses the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside he is full of greed and wickedness”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleansed through baptism following repentance. • Cleansed from the inside out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you feel clean? • How aware are you of the inclinations of your own heart?

*From the **Parable of the Prodigal Son** (Luke 15:32)...*

The Pharisee	The Sinner	You?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The elder son worked hard and made sacrifices. • But he didn’t relate to his father on the basis of love and trust. • He harboured resentment. <p>'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' (Matthew 9:13)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lost son realised that he’d acted wickedly. • He humbled himself. • He changed his mind and returned home. • He was welcomed back by his Father. • He was restored to his position as beloved son in the family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much do you trust God and his intentions towards you? • Do you try to please God through making sacrifices? • Do you feel resentment towards God? • Do you really know that you are a beloved child?

*Jesus’ **‘lovers of money’** teaching from Luke 16:15-16...*

The Pharisee	The Tax Collector	You?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “lovers of money” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zacchaeus gave 50% of his money away and made 400% restitution to those he had cheated as a sign of his changed life (Luke 19:1-10). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any signs or fruit of repentance that you can point to in your life (past or present)?