



Fighting Self-Righteousness

Jesus “punched” hardest against the _____ establishment.

Hypocrisy: Pretending to be morally upright in order to boost your image for others.

Self-Righteousness: Believing you’re completely righteous and morally _____ to others.

- _____ can be self-righteous. We just define “righteousness” differently.

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Three marks of Self-Righteousness

1. We think we _____ to be accepted by God because of our goodness. (vs 12)

Have you ever thought, "My _____ is lucky to have me?"

2. Feeling morally superior to others because of what you think, _____ or don't _____. (vs 12)

Do you regularly use the phrase, " _____ ?"

3. Identifying others by their _____ and yourself by your _____ qualities. (vs. 11)

Three problems with Self-Righteousness

1. It _____ us to our own sin and makes growth impossible.
2. It erodes _____.
3. It _____ actual righteousness.

How to Fight Self-Righteousness

1. Embrace _____.

"Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment in accordance with the faith God has given you." (Romans 12:3)

2. Practice _____.

"If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin."
(1 John 1:7)

3. Cultivate a heart of _____.

"This woman has been forgiven much, so she loves much, but the one who has been forgiven little, loves little." (Luke 7:47)