**Power in the Secret Place**

**Week 2  
  
Posture of Prayer – How We Approach God**Luke 18:9–14

### **1. Pride \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

### *The Pharisee’s self-righteous attitude shows how pride disconnects us from God.*

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### **Scripture:** *“I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people…”* (v.11)

### • Pride makes prayer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

### • Pride assumes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over others.

### • Pride \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ intimacy with God.

**2. Humility \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*The tax collector’s honest confession invites the mercy of God.*

**Scripture:** *“The tax collector stood off at a distance and did not think he was good enough…”* (v.13)

• He stood at a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – acknowledging unworthiness.

• He wouldn’t lift his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – showing reverence.

• He cried out for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – revealing repentance.

**3. Mercy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*God justifies the broken, not the proud.*

**Scripture:** *“When the two men went home, it was the tax collector who was pleasing to God…”* (v.14)

• Justification is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not a reward.

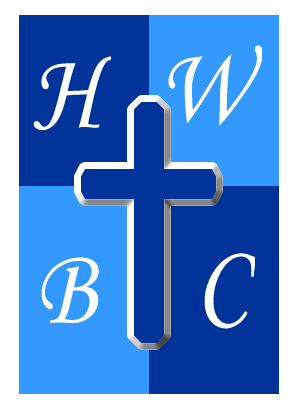
• God honors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over confidence.

• Right posture leads to right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Challenge:**

**Reflect:** What attitudes do I bring into prayer—humility or pride?

**Act:** Begin every prayer this week with confession and gratitude.

**Pray:** “God, I come to You just as I am—broken, needy, and grateful for Your mercy.”****