



SAINT vs. SCOUNDREL—OR SO YOU'D THINK

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CHARACTERISTIC PRAYERS OF THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS

- 1 The prevalent attitude is that of _____ and _____ for others — a detectable “_____” mindset.
- 2 The standard by which they judge righteousness and unrighteousness is _____, focusing on outward deeds rather than on the _____.
- 3 The standard which the self-righteous use to judge goodness is _____, not _____.
- 4 The self-righteous brazenly approach God, with a _____ of their own holiness before God.
- 5 They have a perverse view of _____ — thanking God for nothing other than what they see in _____.
- 6 The self-righteous overflow with _____, but they are desperately _____ in love for God and toward others.

THE RIGHT WAY TO APPROACH GOD

- 1 Approach God as an _____ sinner.
- 2 Approach God by pleading for His _____ — we should never lose the sense of _____.
- 3 Approach God _____, yes, but not on the basis of your own righteousness; rather on the basis of Christ’s _____ and His righteousness!

HEBREWS 4:16

APPLICATIONS THAT FLOW FROM THESE PARABLES

- 1 We should not expect an _____ political system to act on the basis of character, godliness, or virtue — but only out of _____.
- 2 The evangelical movement struggles with the idea of _____ and what it can and cannot do — it’s not that we stop promoting justice, but that we stop _____ ourselves into thinking that we will bring it about, _____ the return of our Lord.
- 3 Why is it that we speak of a poor self-image as a _____ and a good self-image as a _____ when Jesus spoke in just the opposite way?
- 4 There are no “_____” activities which are exempt from _____ motives and actions.