

Read Luke 18:9-14. Question 3 of the fill-in-the-blanks says that arrogance, self-righteousness and spiritual superiority are unacceptable to God. So, why do we see it so often, even among Christians?

What are some of the dangers of basing our self-worth on comparisons with others? Are there ever benefits?

**Prayer Requests**

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Scripture References

Acts 19:11-12 • 1 Timothy 5:23 • 2 Timothy 4:20  
Philippians 2:25-27 • 1 Kings 17:17-24 • Luke 18:9-14, 18  
Romans 3:23 • Ephesians 2:1 • 2 Corinthians 5:17 • Romans 6:23

- 1) In the Bible, spectacular miracles are \_\_\_\_\_, and seem to be clustered around the lives of certain individuals, such as Moses, and Jesus, but also a few others, including the prophet Elijah.
  
- 2) The question of why bad things happen to good people is \_\_\_\_\_, because there are no \_\_\_\_\_ people.
  
- 3) In Luke 18:9-14 we see that arrogance, self-righteousness, and spiritual superiority are \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

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- 4) We often build our self-worth on how we think we \_\_\_\_\_ to other people, but the life of some other person is not the standard of how we should live. \_\_\_\_\_ goodness is the standard.
- 5) The first answer to the question, “Why do bad things happen to good people” is that no one is good when \_\_\_\_\_ to true goodness.
- 6) Another answer to the question, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” is that we live in a \_\_\_\_\_ world, filled with many things that hurt us.
- 7) When humanity rebelled against God, our relationship with our maker was \_\_\_\_\_ by our own attitudes and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) We look alive, but we have been \_\_\_\_\_ from the only true source of life – God himself. That’s why we grow old, wither, and die.
- 9) When we surrender to God, he restores our life through a quiet but profound \_\_\_\_\_, just as he restored life to the widow’s son.
- 10) Every miracle in the Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s ability to fix the brokenness that fills our world and our lives.



### Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



Have you ever experienced something you think of as a miracle? Share that with the group.

Read 1 Kings 17:17-24. In verse 17 we see that the child’s illness continued for a while. Why do you think Isaiah waited until he died to take action?

Did Isaiah receive an answer when he asked God why this bad thing happened to a good woman (and her innocent son)? What can we learn from this?

Continued on reverse.