

**“Not I but Christ—Tales of Humility (3):
Two Halves to One Truth”**

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☐ Tale #1: _____

☐ Tale #2: _____

☐ The Truth of the Tales: “He who _____ himself will be _____
[_____], and she who _____ herself will be _____ [_____].”

◆ #1— _____ yourself before _____ and _____ it. (Luke 14:11)

◆ #2— _____ yourself before _____ and _____ it. (Luke 18:14)

■ *Christ’s Object Lessons*: “The lips may express a poverty of soul that the heart does not acknowledge. While speaking to God of poverty of spirit, the heart may be swelling with the conceit of its own superior humility and exalted righteousness. In one way only can a true knowledge of self be obtained. *We must behold Christ*. It is ignorance of Him that makes men so uplifted in their own righteousness. When we contemplate His purity and excellence, we shall see our own weakness and poverty and defects as they really are. We shall see ourselves lost and hopeless, clad in garments of self-righteousness, like every other sinner. We shall see that if we are ever saved, it will not be through our own goodness, but through God’s infinite grace. . . . Self to the publican appeared nothing but shame. Thus it must be seen by all who seek God. By faith—faith that renounces all self-trust—the needy suppliant is to lay hold upon infinite power.” (159, emphasis supplied)

■ “No outward observances can take the place of simple faith and entire renunciation of self. But no man can empty himself of self. We can only consent for Christ to accomplish the work. Then the language of the soul will be, *Lord, take my heart; for I cannot give it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I cannot keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, unchristlike self. Mold me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul.*” (Ibid, emphasis supplied)

“Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord”

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