

# The Righteous don't condemn

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# Adulteress women



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<sup>2</sup> Now <sup>[a]</sup>early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.<sup>3</sup> Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, <sup>4</sup> they said to Him, "Teacher, [b]this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup> Now <sup>[C]</sup> Moses, in the law, commanded us <sup>[d]</sup>that such should be stoned. But what do You <sup>[e]</sup>say?"

John 8:2-11

<sup>6</sup> This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, <sup>[f]</sup>as though He did not hear. <sup>7</sup> So when they continued asking Him, He <sup>[g]</sup>raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."<sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> Then those who heard it, being<sup>[h]</sup> convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last.

John 8:2-11

And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. <sup>10</sup> When Jesus had raised Himself up <sup>[1]</sup>and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers <sup>[1]</sup>of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord."

And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go [k] and sin no more."

John 8:2-11

## Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector



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Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.<sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

#### Luke 18:9-14

## Self effort;

- Keeping the commandments instead of living life;
- As long as I am 'better' than the person next to me;
- Focus on their lack of obeying the law in order to justify myself. Don't want to focus on my own short coming in keeping the new commandment which Jesus gave us(love one another);
  Focused on the fruit, not the root;
  strong sense of justice;

#### Luke 18:9-14

## The law Ladder



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<sup>13</sup> And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be <sup>[d]</sup>humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:9 -14

### Identity in Christ vs Identity in title or capabilities/achievements

In order to become low, some might have to lose their identity, because it is wrapped in their title and capabilities/achievements .

**8** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who<sup>[a]</sup> do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.<sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> that the righteous requirement of the law...

#### Romans 8: 1 - 6

might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to be <sup>[b]</sup>carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the <sup>[c]</sup>carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.<sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8: 1 -6

Allowing the condemned, those who are not in Christ or those who are in Christ, but don't know what freedom we have in Christ to be. Loving them into the kingdom and into freedom...



If you live(walk) in the Spirit, you cannot follow a set of rules and know you are in right standing with God. You have to spend time with the lover of your soul and follow His gentle prompting



Those who are Righteous are not condemned.... .....Therefore the Righteous don't condemn.

