

Luke 9: Taking the Steam Out of Self-Esteem, Part 3

- ✚ "Self-worth," "Self-love" and "Self-esteem" have one glaring problem "Self," God's got a big problem with "self," **Luke 14:11; Luke 18:9-14.**
 - ✚ The Pharisee esteems himself, he loves himself, yet he's wrong about who he is, he's separated from the God who made him, and he goes away unforgiven.
 - ✚ Tax-collector is everything the self-esteem movement is trying to steer us away from: he abhors his life, his sin, he's broken, he's repentant, he knows he's entitled to wrath—yet he goes away forgiven and in a right relationship with the God who made him.
 - ✚ What God is about is selflessness: **Philippians 2:3-7.**
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There is no such thing as self-worth because we are only worth anything in the context of God and never in the context of self.

- ✓ It's not who we are, but Whose we are.
- ✓ Let's consider the comparison between who we are and whose we are.

Who we are:

- ✓ Sinners by nature and by choice **Ephesians 2:3; 2:1**
 - ✓ David's view of himself: **Psalms 51:5,**
 - ✓ Isaiah's view of himself: **Isaiah 6:5.**
 - ✓ God's view of us: **Genesis 8:21**
 - ✓ As Christians we are still worthless in and of ourselves: **Romans 7:18-19, 24,** Paul didn't have a problem, he considered himself to be the problem.
 - ✓ **Proverbs 3:5-8**
 - ✓ A requirement to follow Jesus is to hate your life: **John 12:25**
 - ✓ We don't just have a problem **we are the problem.**
 - ✓ There is no self-worth, nothing to esteem, nothing to love! **This is who we are.**
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Whose we are:

- ✓ We are the problem and Jesus is the solution. **Rom. 7:24-25**
 - ✓ We are forgiven **Ephesians 1:7**
 - ✓ We have purpose: **Ephesians 2:10**
 - ✓ We are valuable: **Matthew 10:29-31**
 - ✓ We are loved: **Romans 5:5**
 - ✓ We are known: **II Timothy 2:19**
 - ✓ We are exalted: **Ephesians 2:4-6**
 - ✓ Not in who we are but Whose we are: **Galatians 4:4-7**
 - ✓ We are valuable because our Father is valuable,
 - ✓ We have purpose because our Father has purpose,
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