



*“Mercy Not Merit”*  
*A Look at Luke*  
*Luke 18:9-14*  
*June 18, 2023*

*“He... kept striking his chest and saying,  
‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’ Luke 18:13*

1. The Merit-Based Heart is:

**ARROGANT**

Jam 2:10, Rom 3:23, Eze 28:17, Prov 8:13, 1 Peter 5:5

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**BAMBOOZLED**

Romans 3:20, Genesis 3:13, Matthew 4:8

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**COMPARATIVE**

Romans 10:6, 10, Matthew 5:48

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2. The Mercy-Based Heart is:

**AWARE** of God’s Holiness

Deut 32:51, Ex 3:5, Josh 5:15, Isa 6:3, Rev 4:8

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**BROKEN** before God

Isaiah 32:12, Luke 23:48, Psalm 51:16-17

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**CALLING** for God’s Atonement

Hebrews 2:17

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Question to Consider:

- Do I detect any hint of a merit-based heart within me?
  - Do I sense pride or arrogance?
  - Do I sense deceit or legalism?
  - Do I see self-righteousness through comparing?
- How does my heart measure up with a mercy-based heart?
  - What area do I need growth in: Awareness of God’s holiness? Broken over my sin? Calling out for His forgiveness and atonement?