

**A Modern Day Parable**

(Brother Gordon Smith writes the following parable.)

Two men went to a building and prayed. One prayed thusly: I thank thee Lord for my astute ability to understand everything, even the difficult teachings of your Word, perfectly. I thank you that my Intelligence Quotient is so much higher than others. Since you require perfect understanding of everything in order to be saved, I thank you that I have such an understanding. I condemn those heretics who do not agree with me on every point and I am certain that you will do the same. Why can't everyone be like me? Anyway, I thank you that I am not like them. In His name I pray...

The other prayed thusly: Thank you Lord for being so merciful to me a sinner. I can never be worthy of what Your Son did for me. Thank You for the Bible which teaches so clearly the plan of salvation and Your incomparable gift of eternal life. I know there are some things in your Word which are difficult to understand. I try, but I may not always understand everything perfectly. Be merciful to my misunderstandings. Help me to live and teach the truth. Help me to love all men and be patient with my brethren. Give me the grace and strength to assist a fallen brother. May I never forget that it could happen to me. Thank You that I can call your Son my Savior. Without Him life would be hopeless. May I always be faithful to Him. In His name I pray...

I tell you the former/latter went down to his house justified. You decide....

See you Sunday!

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