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Standing in the Humus of Life



This parable in today's Gospel begins with 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'.

The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

-Fr Michael Tate

Act Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with God. Micah. 6:8