

You Asked For It:

Can I Sin So Much That I Lose My Salvation, Part 3

"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. ²² On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' ²³ But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

Matthew 7:21-23 (NLT)

But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:48 (NLT)

*"God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

KEY THOUGHT: THEIR PROBLEM WASN'T A _____ OF WORKS, IT WAS A
_____ OF WORKS.

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰ "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer^[1]: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 18: 9-14 (NLT)

KEY QUESTION: WHAT IS THE _____ YOU ARE WORKING ON?