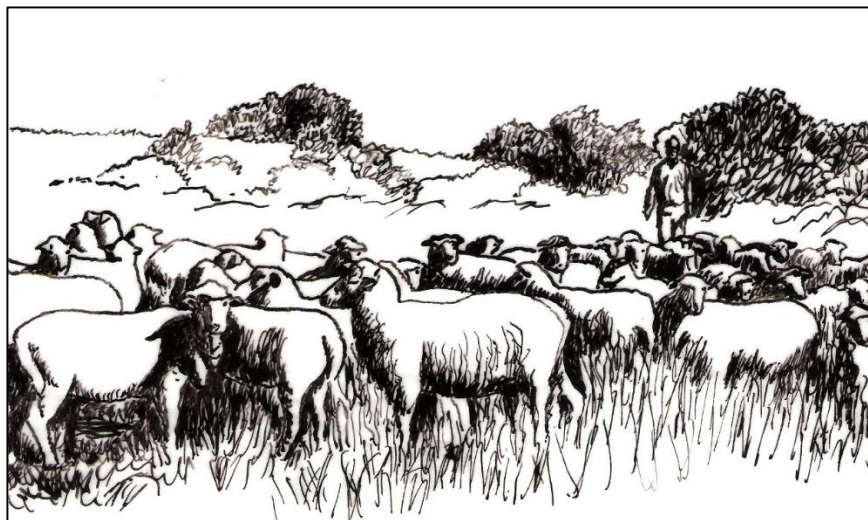


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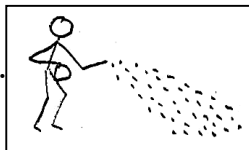
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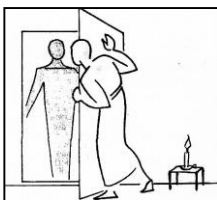
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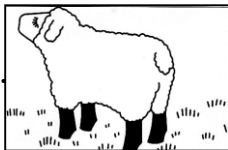
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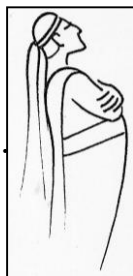


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**The Wise and Foolish Builders** Luke 6 : 46 – 49

46. Why do you call me “Lord, Lord,”  
and do not do what I say?
47. Whoever comes to me, and hears my words and does them,  
I will show you whom he is like.
48. He is like a man building a house,  
who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.



When a flood came, the storm waters struck that house  
but could not shake it, because it was well built.

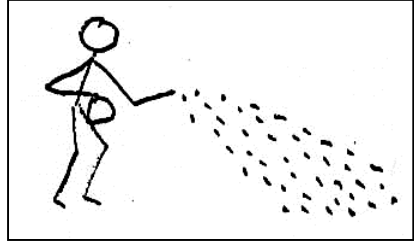
49. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man  
who built a house on the ground  
without a foundation.



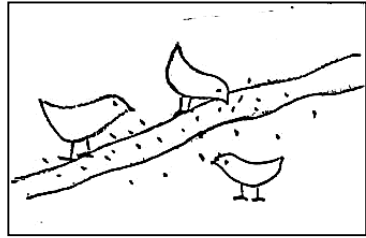
The moment the storm struck that house, it collapsed.  
And the ruin of that house was great.

## The Sower Luke 8 : 5 – 8, 11 – 15

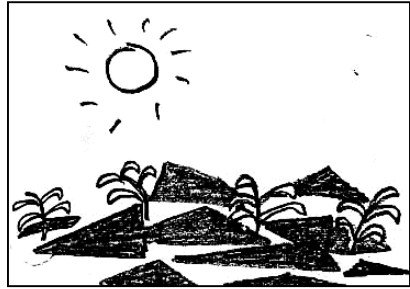
5. A sower went out to sow his seed.



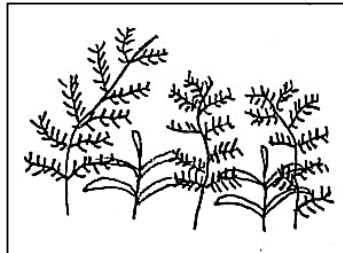
And as he sowed,  
some fell along the path,  
and it was trampled on,  
and the birds of the air  
ate it up.



6. Some fell on rock, and  
as soon as it sprang up,  
it withered away,  
because it had no moisture.



7. And some fell among thorns,  
and the thorns sprang up  
with it, and choked it.

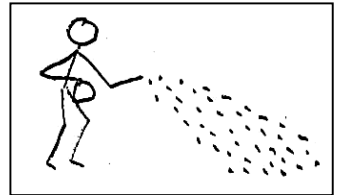


8. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

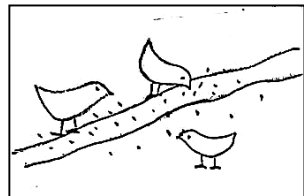


11. This is the meaning of the parable:

The seed is the word of God.

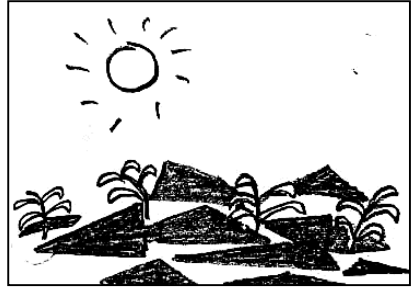


12. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts,



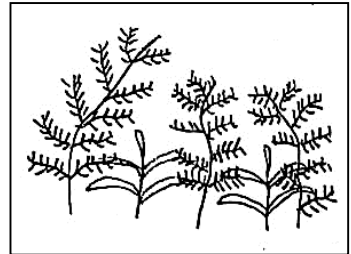
so that they may not believe and be saved.

13. Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They



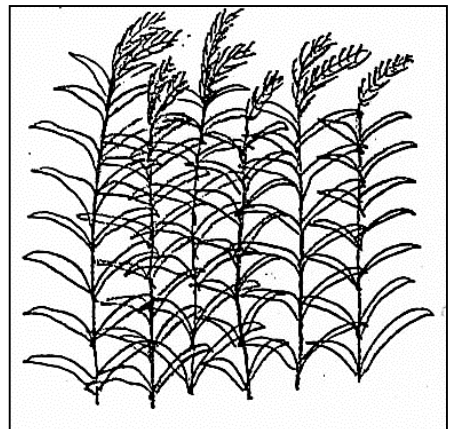
believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

14. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's



worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

15. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.



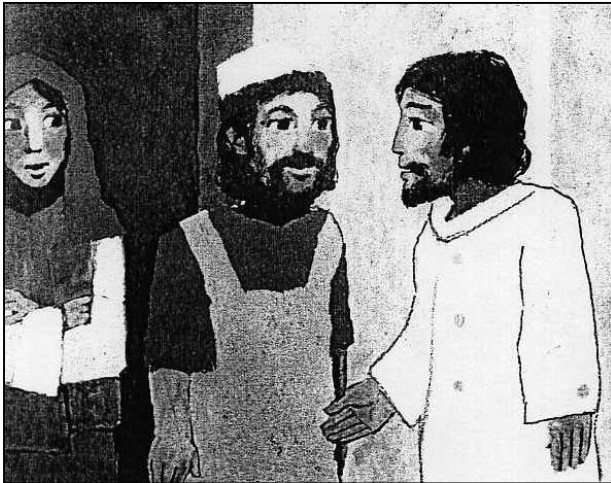
## The Good Samaritan Luke 10 : 25 – 37

25. On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

“Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26. “What is written in the Law?” He replied.

“How do you read it?”



27. He answered: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;  
and love your neighbour as yourself.”



28. “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied.

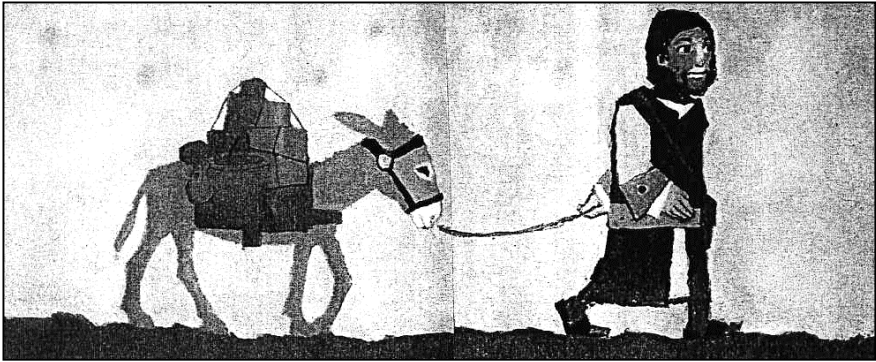
“Do this and you will live.”

29. But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus,

“And who is my neighbour?”

30. In reply Jesus said,

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,

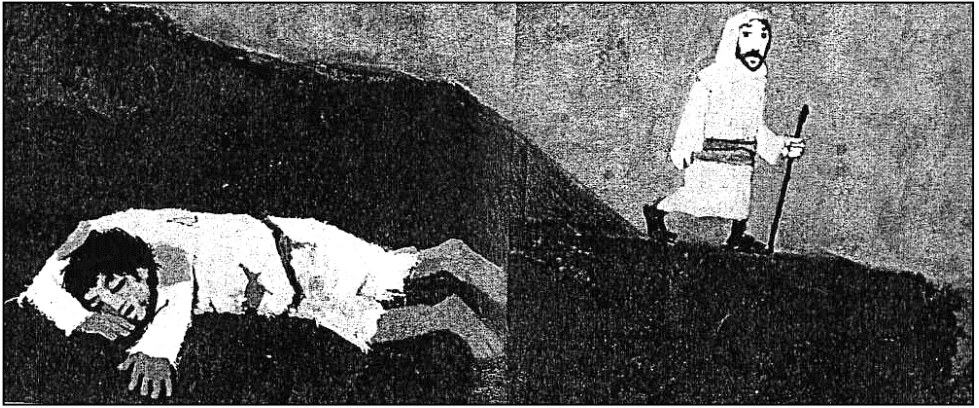


when he fell into the hands of robbers.

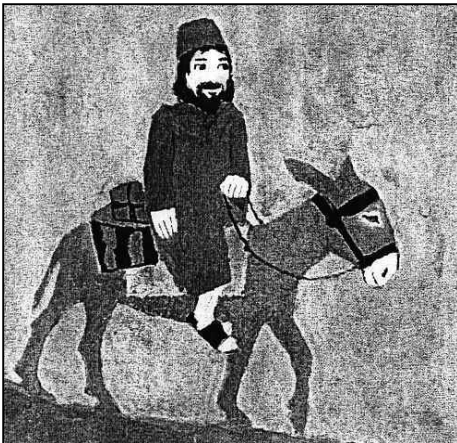


They stripped him of his clothes, beat him,  
and went away, leaving him half-dead.

31. A priest happened to be going down the same road,  
and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.



32. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him,  
passed by on the other side.

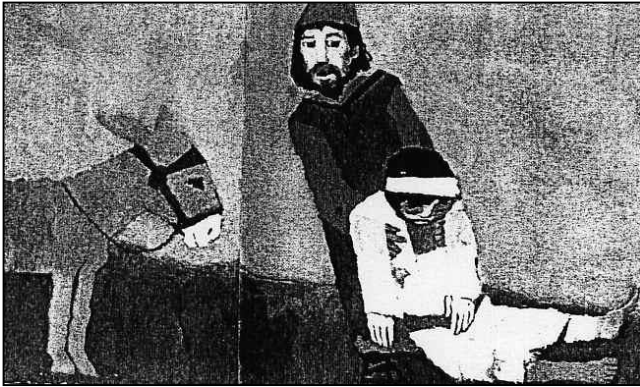


33. But a Samaritan,  
as he travelled,  
came where the man was,  
and when he saw him,  
he took pity on him.

34. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.



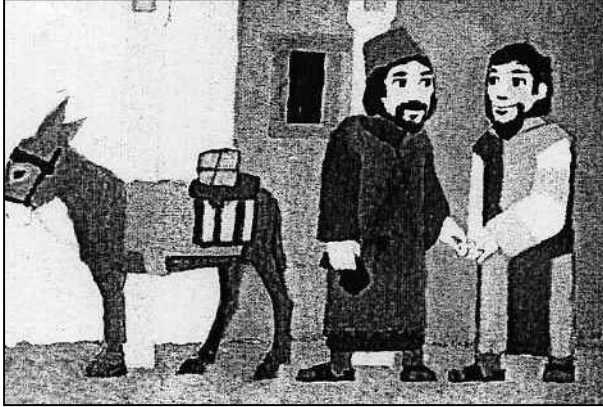
Then he put the man on his own donkey,



brought him to an inn  
and took care of him.



35. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper.



“Look after him,” he said, “and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.”

36. “Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37. And he said,

“The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus said to him,

“Go and do likewise.”

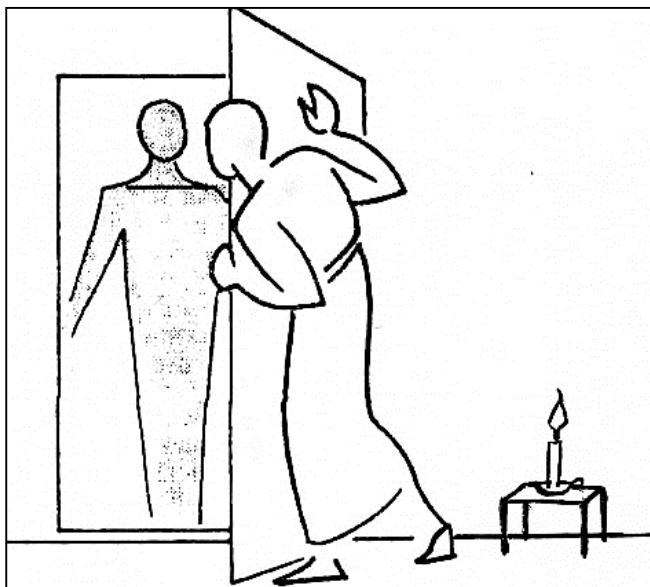
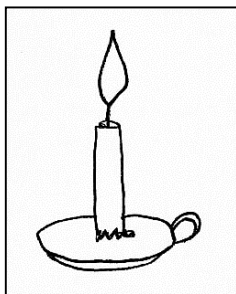


**The Faithful Servant** Luke 12 : 35 – 40

35. Be dressed ready for service  
and keep your lamps burning,

36. like men waiting for their  
master to return from a

wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks  
they can immediately open the door for him.



37. It will be good for those servants

whose master finds them watching when he comes.

I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve,  
will have them recline at the table and will come  
and wait on them.

38. It will be good for those servants

whose master finds them ready,

even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night.

39. But know this, if the master of the house had known

at what hour the thief was coming,

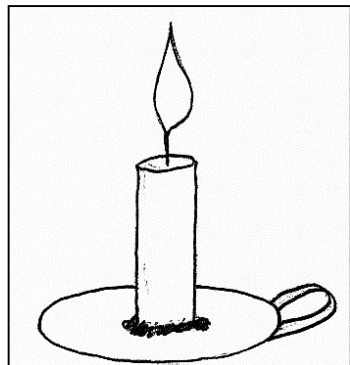
he would not have let his house be broken into.

40. You also must be ready,

because the Son of Man

will come at an hour

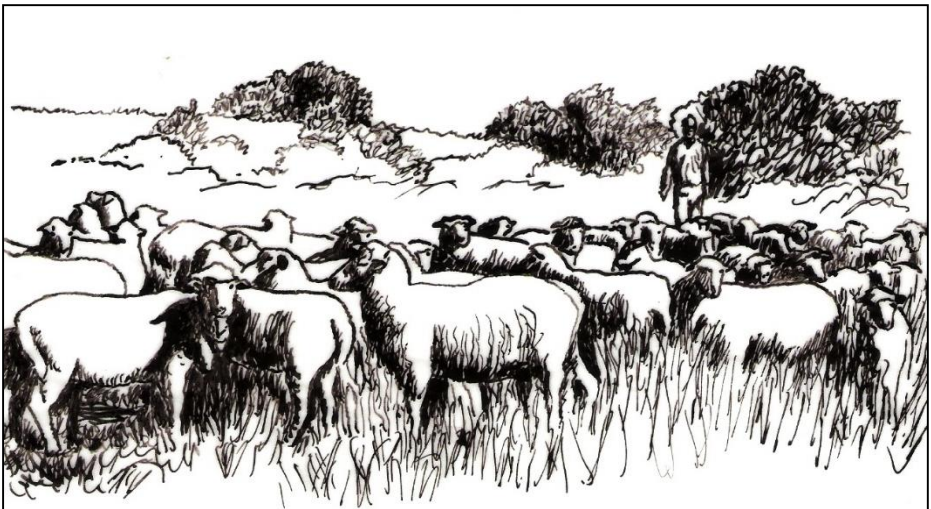
when you do not expect him.



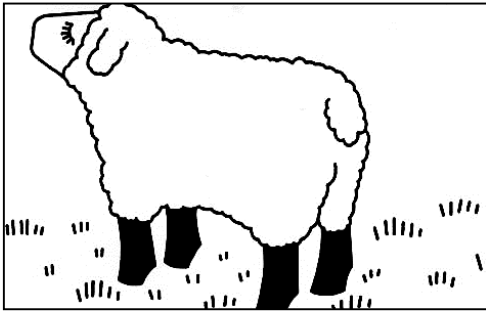
## The Lost Sheep Luke 15 : 1 – 7

1. Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear him.
2. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.”
3. Then Jesus told them this parable:
4. “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them.

Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?



5. And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders
6. and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says,  
“Rejoice with me, I have found my lost sheep.”



7. I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”



**The Lost Coin** Luke 15 : 8 – 10

8. “Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one.



Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

9. And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says,

“Rejoice with me,

I have found my lost coin.”



10. In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

## The Lost Son Luke 15 : 11 – 32

11. A certain man had two sons.
12. The younger one said to his father, “Father, give me



my share of the estate.”

So he divided his property between them.

13. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country, and there squandered all his wealth in wild living.



14. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country and he began to be in need.



15. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.



16. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17. When he came to his senses, he said,

“How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare,  
and here I am starving to death!

18. I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:

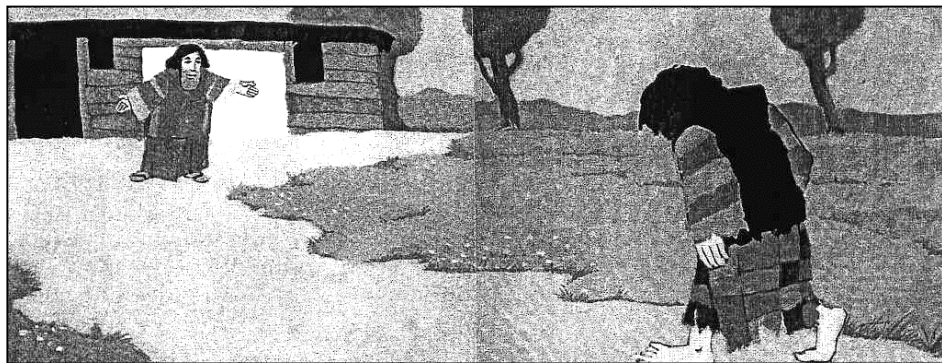
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

19. I am no longer worthy to be called your son;

make me like one of your hired men.”

20. So he got up and went to his father.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him  
and was filled with compassion for him.



He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed  
him.

21. The son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven

and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”



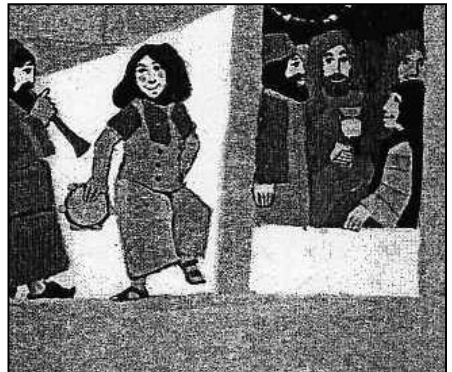
22. But the father said to his servants,

“Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him.

Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.

24. For this son of mine was  
dead and is alive again;  
he was lost and is found.”  
So they began to celebrate.



25. Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.
26. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.
27. “Your brother has come,” he replied, “and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.”

28. The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.



29. But he answered his father, “Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

30. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!”
31. “My son,” the father said, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.
32. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found.”



## The Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18 : 9 – 14

9. To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else,

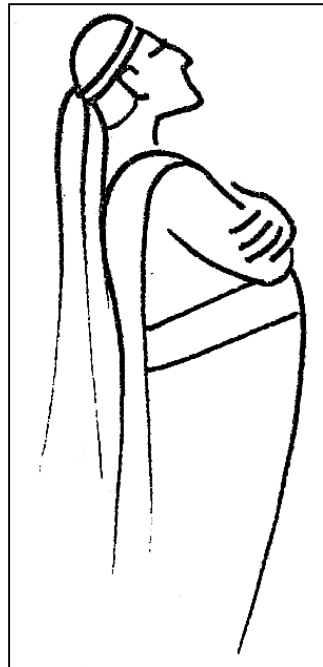
Jesus told this parable:

10. Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself:

“God, I thank you that I am not like other men – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector.

12. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.”



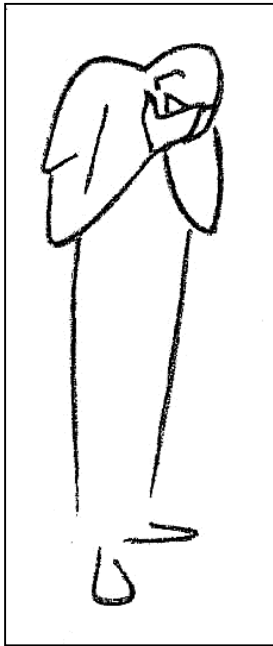


13. But the tax collector stood at a distance.

He would not even look up to heaven,

but beat his breast and said,

“God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”



14. I tell you that this man, rather than the other,

went home justified before God.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,

and he who humbles himself will be exalted.