



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## Tax Collectors

*For several years, I served as a Tax Collector. One year, I attended the state's Tax Collector Convention. During the opening ceremony, a local pastor gave the blessing. Basically, he said, "God bless the tax collectors. In Bible times, they were corrupt, evil, and often associated on the level of harlots and whores. They need it." Many of us were greatly offended by his prayer.*

*I almost informed this Pastor that Jesus had chosen two tax collectors to be among his twelve disciples. He even stopped at a sycamore tree which a short tax collector had climbed. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, you come down, for I am going to your house today." That day Zacchaeus became a changed man. "Behold Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day salvation comes to this house." Luke 19*

*If Jesus can change the lives of tax collectors, harlots, drug dealers, and terrorists, He can change you. Do you want Him to come to your house today? Just ask Him. He will.*

*"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:20*

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