

Luke 15:11-31
"Prodigal Sons"

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1. Introduction
 - a. Pharisees complains, "This man receives sinners" (Lk 15:1-3)
 - b. Jesus answered in parables
2. Father Prepares to Bless His Children
 - a. Man has 2 sons - younger & older
 - some preachers call this parable "the Prodigal Father"
 - b. Contrast of attitudes & behaviors of 2 sons
 - c. Younger son: "Give me my inheritance NOW" (15:11)
 - spent all after abandoning his family (~~15~~ 15:13)
 - partied with "new friends" far away from family
 - * he didn't want his family to see him
 - he became homeless & hungry (15:14)
3. Younger Son's Sin
 - a. "I want my money now"
 - it wasn't his money
 - it was his father's money
 - but his father gave it to him
 - b. Son did not appreciate labor value of his father's years of work

4. Younger Son's Repentance

- a. Finally he came to his senses
(15: ~~17~~ 17-19)
 - he finally saw reality of his circumstances
- b. Reality check
 - Father's servants live better
 - Will tell father, "I have sinned against heaven & before you"
 - He plans to stay with father like hired servant
- c. Younger son humbled himself before going back home

5. Father's Mercy

- a. Father continually looked for his younger son's returned (15:20)
 - father had compassion
 - father ran to meet him
 - father hugged & kissed him
- b. Younger son gave his prepared speech (15:21)
- c. Father instead order "welcome back son" celebration (15:22-24)

6. Older Son's Attitude

- a. He was angry & would not celebrate younger brother's celebration (15:28-30)
 - I never disobeyed your commands
 - I have served you all this time
- b. Older son: unfair: you never gave me celebration with my friends
 - look what you did for my brother
 - bitterness over perceived unfairness

7. Father's Admonition (teaching)

- a. You have earned everything as your inheritance (15:31)
- b. But where is your heart? (15:32)
 - your brother was dead, now alive
 - your brother was lost, now found