

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

(Luke 15:11-32)

- A. THE SETTING OF JESUS GIVING A LONG DISCOURSE (Luke 15:1-2)
- B. THE PARABLE OF THE SEARCHING SHEPHERD (Luke 15:3-7)
- C. THE PARABLE OF THE SEARCHING WOMAN (Luke 15:8-10)
- D. THE PARABLE OF THE WAITING FATHER (Luke 15:11-32)

1. This third parable in the series again repeats the point of the former two, that God gladly receives _____ sinners; but this one also underscores the father's _____ heart.

2. The “*younger*” son’s inheritance would normally have been one-_____ of his father's estate, since the older son would have received a _____ portion. (vv. 11-12, cf. Deut. 21:17)

3. This young man yearned to get out of the protective shadow of his father; he foolishly thought “the _____ was _____” somewhere else, and so he left with his pockets full of money and _____ all of it. (v. 13)

* Why should it be concerning when you value money and “things” more than people?

4. Eventually all the young man’s _____ and so called “_____” had run out, and in utter desperation he began to have genuine needs of the basic necessities of life. (v. 14)

5. As this _____ young man was feeding swine, and longing to eat the pig slop, he finally _____ to his _____ and remembered how well his beloved father treated his own servants. (vv. 15-17)

6. He _____ a speech and made the wise decision to _____ to his loving father. (vv. 18-20a, cf. 1 John 1:5-10)
7. It is apparent that the father _____ _____ longing and waiting for his wayward son; and when he saw him he did what no self-respecting man would do in the East, he ran to him. (v. 20b)
8. Rather than have his disobedient son stoned, the father who was rich in _____ and _____ cut his son's confession short, and bestowed gifts upon him which he did _____ deserve. (vv. 21-24)
9. Jesus pictured the older brother (symbolic of the Pharisees and scribes), as working hard for the father; this young man was another _____ _____, but of a different kind.
- a. He was _____ and didn't care if his brother was home safe. (vv. 25-28)
- b. He was _____ about all that he had been doing for his father. (v. 29)
- c. He was _____ of his brother's actions and his father's grace. (v. 30)
10. The loving father responded to the older son's hostility and disrespect with _____ and _____; he was willing to _____ the sins of both of his sons. (vv. 31-32)