

# **The Love of God Changes People**

Made a Mess of Your Life? Come on Home.

Luke 15:11-32

This parable is meant to \_\_\_\_\_ the listeners.

The \_\_\_\_\_ son represents the tax collectors and sinners.

Luke 15:1

The \_\_\_\_\_ son represents the self-righteous hypocrites. Luke 15:2a

The \_\_\_\_\_ represents \_\_\_\_\_ and his love for the lost.

Luke 15:2b

The youngest son displays his \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward his \_\_\_\_\_.

Requesting and then \_\_\_\_\_ his estate was a great \_\_\_\_\_ which legally required his death.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

The loving \_\_\_\_\_ the son's request

Luke 15:12

The firstborn received \_\_\_\_\_ and the youngest son received \_\_\_\_\_ of the property.

Galatians 6:7-8

The father maintained \_\_\_\_\_ until his death.

Luke 15:31

The youngest son illustrates the path of \_\_\_\_\_. He wished for and treated his father as if he were \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:13a

He only thought about his own \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:13b

He \_\_\_\_\_ what his father worked so hard for.

Luke 15:13c; Luke 16:1

He had no regard for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his inheritance.

**Luke 15:13c**

He lived only for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15:14**

He got a job in a \_\_\_\_\_ market.

**Luke 15:15; Leviticus 11:7–8**

His hunger could no longer be \_\_\_\_\_ by  
the things of the world.

**Luke 15:16**

The younger son reveals five characteristics of \_\_\_\_\_.

He came to his \_\_\_\_\_ (the end of himself).

**Luke 15:17a; Acts 12:11**

He devised a plan based upon the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of his father.

**Luke 15:17b; Philippians 2:13**

His plan was based upon \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15:19a; Ephesians 1:7–9**

He acknowledged that he has no \_\_\_\_\_ as a  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15:19b**

He left his \_\_\_\_\_, carnal \_\_\_\_\_ behind.

**Luke 15:20a**

The father demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics of Jesus’  
\_\_\_\_\_ of lost, wasted lives.

The father was constantly \_\_\_\_\_ at the  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the lost son.

**Luke 15:20b; Jeremiah 31:20**

The father does not \_\_\_\_\_ for the son to come to  
him, but \_\_\_\_\_ to the son.

**Luke 15:20c**

The father hears but does not \_\_\_\_\_ on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the son.

**Luke 15:21**

The father \_\_\_\_\_ loves the son: his past  
has no bearing on the reality of his \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as son.

**Luke 15:22a; Genesis 41:42**

The father \_\_\_\_\_ the prodigal to his rightful  
place as a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15:22b**

The father fully restores the son to his rightful place as \_\_\_\_\_, not as a hired \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:22c

The father rejoices over the son's safe return from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:23

The father throws a \_\_\_\_\_ celebrating his son's safe return.

Luke 15:24

The oldest son reveals the truly \_\_\_\_\_ of a self-righteous hypocrite.

Self-righteous people think it's all about \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:25-26

He became \_\_\_\_\_ that his brother was well \_\_\_\_\_ by the father.

Luke 15:27-28a; 1-2

He refused to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ with his father.

Luke 15:28b

The \_\_\_\_\_ makes a plea for the oldest son to come which is met with an angry, self-righteous response.

Luke 15:28c

\_\_\_\_\_ was shown in seven ways.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (imperative) "Look here"
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (present tense) "I've been nothing but a slave to you."
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (exaggeration) "I've never disobeyed you"
4. "This son of \_\_\_\_\_" (not "my brother")
5. "\_\_\_\_\_ your property (The estate was divided so that both sons received their own property)
6. With \_\_\_\_\_ (slander) He hadn't even spoken with his brother.
7. You kill \_\_\_\_\_ fattened calf for him (contradiction: not your fattened calf) - (the hint is that the older brother expected the calf to be for his celebration)

The oldest brother \_\_\_\_\_ the father's graciousness.

Luke 15:29

The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ belonged to the oldest son since the father divided up the property between the sons.

The oldest son had already \_\_\_\_\_ two thirds of the \_\_\_\_\_ as his own.

By killing the fattened calf, the father was merely exercising his right as father to use the son's \_\_\_\_\_ for his own \_\_\_\_\_.

The oldest brother was a \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart and also wished that his father was \_\_\_\_\_ so that he could celebrate with his friends.

What really galled the oldest son was that the father used his (the oldest son's) property to celebrate the safe return of the rebel son, revealing that he was \_\_\_\_\_ at heart.

The oldest brother can only see the \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother and pays no attention to the \_\_\_\_\_ in his own heart.

Luke 18:10–12

**Application:**

1. Every repentant sinner who turns to Christ is to be \_\_\_\_\_ into fellowship.

Luke 19:10

2. Every repentant sinner should be received with the same \_\_\_\_\_ as that of \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:24

3. Disciples are called to seek the lost and receive the \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:32 ESV