

The Prodigal Son: Part Three

Luke 15:25-21

Introduction/Review

I. Sinners

Sinners come in two basic varieties.

- A. Unrestrained Sinners
- B. Secretive Sinners

II. His True Character

- A. He was angry | Vs. 28
- B. I deserve a celebration | Vs. 29-30
 - 1. Look!
 - 2. Slave
 - 3. Religious hypocrite
 - 4. I am better than you.

III. His Hostility toward his brother | Vs. 30

- A. Son of yours
- B. He should be dead

IV. A Father's Heart | Vs. 31

- A. This brother of your (love)

V. The Spiritual Struggle

- A. No resolution to the story
- B. What will you do?

Conclusion

Practical Takeaways from the Older Brother

1. You can be a Christian and yet harbor wrong thoughts and intentions about other Christians, especially those who backslide.
2. You can be a Christian and still fail to maximize your relationship with the Father.
3. You can be a child of God and still live like a slave.