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## Youth Looks At Youth

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Luke 15 contain two of Christ's best understood parables and His **least** understood. (Sheep & Coin easy!)  
Point of parable in vs. 1-2. Foul attitude of Phar. & Scrib  
Tonight's study: Youth's view and attitude toward **sinful** yo

In depth study of sin?

I. THREE CHARACTERS AND THE REAL PROBLEM.

- A. "Certain man": God, who is **NOT** the problem. The REFEREE!
- B. "Younger of them:" Sinner, who is **NOT** the problem now!
- C. "Elder son:" **now the real PRODIGAL in spirit! Way off!!**

II. REAL PROBLEM POPS UP AT THE REJOICING TIME. Wet blanket. 24

- A. Father: relieved, delighted, overjoyed. Prov. 22:6. V.10  
**POINT:** Better to be too strict than too lenient. Standard
- B. Younger: relieved, wiser, humbler, penitent and **GOOD!**
- C. Elder: Disappointing-jealous, envious, angry, pouting and **sinfully unforgiving and unmerciful!**
  - 1. **Ill.** Mote and Beam situation. Matt. 7:3-5.
  - 2. **Ill.** Unforgiveness deadly: Geo. Pylant and bleeding ulcer. Ill, sick with unforgiveness. Eph. 4:32.
- D. Compare their sins:
  - 1. Younger: Ignorant, impetuous, inexperienced and foolish. Yet external in nature and temporary only!
  - 2. Older: Haughty, egotistical, unmerciful, unsympathetic and seething and festering with resentment and (permanant) internal cancer of unforgiveness in his soul!
  - 3. **Ill.** Houston case: Forgive the boy twice. This is enough! No! Matt. 18:22. Matt. 6:14.

III. FIVE REASONS FATHER DID REJOICE AND ELDER SON SHOULD HAVE.

- A. Prodigal left home **POOR**-had only money.  
Returned home **RICH** in experience, wisdom & humility!
- B. Prodigal left home **DIRTY** in youthful lusts. Gal. 5:19-21  
Returned home **CLEAN, PURGED** and **REFINED**. Gal. 5:22-26
- C. Prodigal left home **FRIENDLESS**. Prov. 18:24.  
Returned home a **FRIEND OF GOD & MAN**. Romans 12:10.
- D. Prodigal left home **HOPELESS**. Rom. 6:23. Gal. 6:7-8.  
Returned home **HOPEFUL**. Slave to elder bro. the heir!\*
- E. Prodigal left home **WORTHLESS**. Prov. 12:15. A fool. Empty  
Returned home **PRICELESS**. Matt. 16:24-26. Acts 2:38.

CLOSE: THREE GRAND LESSONS IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PARABLE. Mk. 16:15-16.

- 1. Prodigal #1 teaches us **UNLIMITED REPENTANCE**. "I have sin
- 2. Father-God teaches us **UNLIMITED COMPASSION** and **LOVE**.
- 3. Prodigal-elder-brother teaches horrors of bitter and jealous heart. **UNLIMITED UN-FORGIVENESS**. M.6:15!

\* Questions.

Scribes & Pharisees.

INV: In this invitation I wish to remind of you something!

Far too many of these ugly characteristics in us today!

III. UNFORGIVENESS AS PROVED BY THE FOLLOWING:

1. Never really forgive, <sup>IF</sup> keep harboring ill-will! <sup>Secretly!?</sup>
2. Never really let up, <sup>IF</sup> keep rubbing their mistakes in to build yourself up!
3. Spread the derogatory word against another at every opportunity. Plain ugly gossip! Matt. 12:36-37.
4. Use other's weaknesses and blunders to whittle them down and destroy their influence with others. **REALIZE** what you are doing to God's disciples & workers! **Destroying them!** **Unadulterated murder!**

TO HAVE a problem is one thing.  
TO KEEP that problem is another.

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LORD CALLS YOU TO OBEEDIENCE OF THE GOSPEL or REDEDICATION TO A BETTER LIFE!

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*God  
forgiving you?  
you forgiving  
all?  
you forgiving  
self?*