

The Parables Of Jesus

Lesson 12

- 6) What was he forced to do? (v. 15) *[Overall context of Lk. 15 suggests he was Jewish]* At this point, how does the parable illustrate the truthfulness of Prov. 13:15?

- 7) Just how bad did it get for this young man? (v. 16) *Thought question:* be able to connect v. 13b with v. 16. (cp. Prov. 14:20; 17:17; 23:5)

- 8) *Thought question:* once things got bad for him, what other "options" did he have to survive?

- 9) What was the only "option" that made sense? (v.17a) How does this illustrate what has to happen to every "prodigal?" (cp. 2 Tim. 2:25-26) What was the first sensible thought he had since he left home? (v. 17b)

- 10) What will genuine repentance lead one to do...no matter how filthy a "hog pen" he is in? (vv. 18-20a; cp. 2 Cor. 7:8-11) How true were the words he intended to say to his father?

- 11) What was happening unbeknownst to him? (v. 20b) What does this represent? (2 Pet. 3:9)

- 12) What emotional scene is described in v. 20c? (cp. vv. 7, 10) *Thought question:* what kind of "reception" didn't this young man get from his father?

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- 13) What begins to happen in v. 21? How did it go re: his "planned speech?" (vv. 22-24)

- 14) The scene shifts to who? (v. 25a) *[Note: we believe this is the real focus of the parable...the "prodigal" who stayed home (cp. vv. 1-2)]*

- 15) What does the older son notice, and how does he react to it? (vv. 25b-28a)

- 16) Who had to intervene? (v. 28b) How did the older son respond to his father? (vv. 29-30)

- 17) Is there any truthfulness in his words? What was his problem? (cp. Gal. 6:1) *[Also your notes from Lesson 2.]* What do you notice about the way he references his younger brother? (v. 30a)

- 18) Did the father agree with his older son on anything? (v. 31) Yet, what was his final attempt to encourage him? (v. 32)

- 19) Application: considering Acts 2:22-23, 36-38, how do we know that can anyone "go home again?"

- 20) What is the main lesson from this parable? What are some "secondary" lessons?