

Notes for the sermon Luke 15:25 – 32 The Older Brother

Review of younger son verses

VS 22 23 24	But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.	What is the response of the father to the younger son? What did the younger son deserve? What did the younger son get? What is this called?
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The Story of the Older Brother

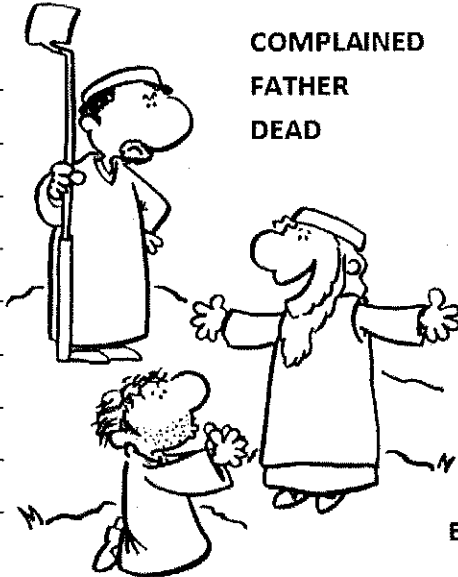
25 26	"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.	Where did this take place? Are you surprised that the older brother had to ask about the reason for the party?
27	And he, the servant, said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'	What was the attitude of the servant?
28	But he, the older brother, was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him (begged),	How did the older brother respond? How did the father respond?
29	but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.	What was the older son saying to his father?
30	But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with reckless living, you killed the fattened calf for him!'	How did the older brother feel about his younger brother? Was this an old or new feeling?
31	And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.	What did the father say to the older brother?
32	It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"	How do you know the father knew his two boys were different?

Think of some words that describe the father and his attitude in this parable.

Do you think Jesus was helping those who listened, and us, see their own hearts?

Do you think Jesus was helping those who listened, and us, see God's heart?

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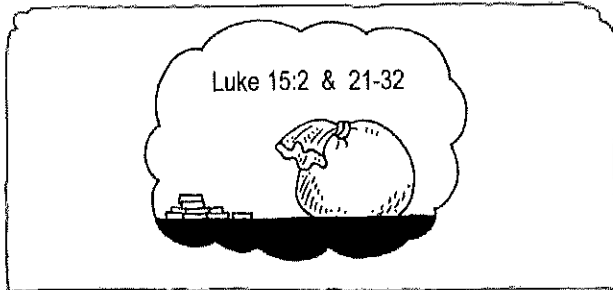
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Prodigal part 2 the JEALOUS SON



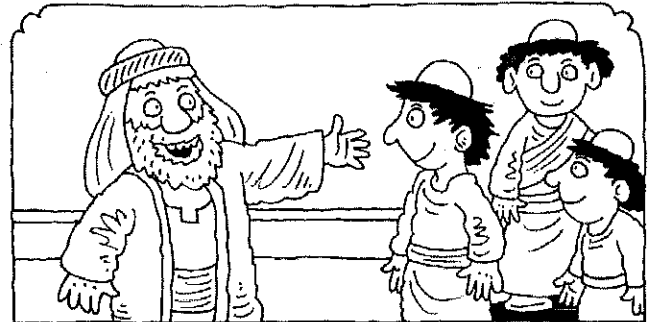
After the younger son wasted all the inheritance money that his father had given to him, and was homeless and hungry, he remembered his loving father and returned to him.



"I'm not worthy to be your son. I am sorry I have wasted all the inheritance money you gave me. Let me be your servant," he begged his father.



The father's heart was filled with loving kindness towards his son. He told his servant to bring the best robe and shoes and a ring for his son's finger.



He told his servants to prepare the best roast beef and food for a great feast, with music and dancing, to celebrate the return of his long-lost son.



When the older brother came home from working hard on the farm all day and heard the music and laughter, he wondered what the fuss was all about.



He was so jealous that his father was celebrating the return of his useless brother. "I have worked hard for you for years. What have you ever done for me?" he asked.



"Son you are always with me and everything I have is yours. We should be happy and celebrate together that your lost brother is found."



See what kind of love the Father has given to us that we should be called children of God; and so we are. 1 John 3:1