

Questions on Luke chapter 15

1. Do you think the Pharisees and scribes regarded the publicans and others as sinners because of their extreme wickedness or is there another explanation? Verses 1-2.
2. If any man who had a hundred sheep would leave the ninety-nine to search for one lost sheep, what would God do? Verses 3-4.
3. If the Pharisees and scribes had been like the man in the parable, what would have been their attitude when sinners heard Jesus? Verses 5-6.
4. Who are the “just persons” (their own estimation) and what is God’s attitude toward them compared with the sinner who repents? Verse 7.
5. How does the woman compensate for the fact that her house, like other oriental houses, has no windows? Verse 8.
6. How does Jesus suggest in these parables that the Pharisees and scribes should be ashamed of their attitude toward publicans and sinners? Verses 9-10.

7. If these two sons represent the parties in the first two verses, which son would profess to be religious and which would be openly irreligious? Verses 11-12.

8. How is the conduct of the younger son like that of a sinner? Verses 13-14.

9. In these verses, can you think of three descending steps of degradation in the humiliation of this young Jewish boy? Verses 15-16.

10. What would make you think that the prodigal was guilty of more than wasting his money? Verses 17-19.

11. Who is represented by the father in the picture and what Bible command to a sinner is represented? Verse 20.

12. What is admirable about the son's confession? Verse 21.

13. What is God's attitude toward the penitent sinner as indicated by these verses? Verses 22-23.

14. What is the condition of the sinner, as expressed in this verse? Verse 24.

15. What does the elder brother's conduct tell us about his relationship with his father? Verse 25.

16. Do you think the servant expected the elder son to be happy about his brother? Verses 26-27.

17. How does this verse picture God's desire and effort and the Jews' response? Verse 28.

18. In what way is the elder brother's response a contrast to the younger son's confession? Verse 29.

19. Why didn't the elder brother refer to the prodigal as "my brother"? Verse 30.

20. How much of the inheritance did the elder brother have? Verse 31. (See verse 12)

21. Why did the father say it was "meet" or appropriate to make merry and be glad? Verse 32.

Thought Questions:

22. By looking at the history of the Jews, do you think the elder brother was pacified by the father and went into the feast?

23. Since the parable deals with both sons, can you think of a more appropriate title than "The Parable of the Prodigal Son"?

24. The first two parables in this chapter depict Christ's efforts to save man, but what does the third parable depict about another side?