

The Parable of the Lost Son

Luke 15:11-32

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- His departure
- His sowing
- His reaping
- His turning
- His coming home

The Lost Son: His Departure

- Leaving God
 - Genesis 3:5
 - Jeremiah 10:23
 - Proverbs 1:7
 - Psalm 119:105
 - 2 Corinthians 1:3
 - Ecclesiastes 12:1

The Lost Son: His Departure

- Free will choice
 - Romans 1:24
 - Deuteronomy 30:19
 - John 7:17
 - 1 Timothy 2:4

The Lost Son: His Departure

- It's all been tried before
 - Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
 - Proverbs 23:17
 - 2 Timothy 2:22

The Lost Son: His Departure

- The lure of the “far country”
 - James 1:14
 - 1 John 2:15
 - Hebrews 11:25
 - Hebrews 3:13
 - James 4:8
 - 1 John 1:6

The Lost Son: His Sowing

- Prodigal living = wasteful living
 - Ephesians 5:15-16
 - Matthew 25:24-25
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Never asking...
 - Romans 6:21
 - Mark 8:36-37

The Lost Son: His Reaping

- Unforeseen
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4
 - Proverbs 1:7
 - Proverbs 4:14-15
 - Proverbs 8:33-36
 - Romans 6:16
- Wages
 - Romans 6:23
 - Galatians 6:7-8

The Lost Son: His Reaping

- Contrast to...
 - Matthew 11:29-30
- Further than planned
 - 2 Samuel 11:2
 - Matthew 5:27-28
- Without God
 - Ephesians 2:12

The Lost Son: His Turning

- “But when he came to himself”
- TRUTH
 - 2 Samuel 12:7
 - Psalm 119:59-60
- Contrast other responses:
 - 1 Timothy 4:2
 - Jeremiah 44:10....5
- Must hear the truth
 - John 8:32
 - James 1:21-25

The Lost Son: His Turning

- The WILL to DO
 - “I will ARISE and GO”
- Repentance
 - 2 Corinthians 7:10
- “I have sinned AGAINST HEAVEN and before you...”
 - Psalm 51:4
 - Matthew 5:3

The Lost Son: His Coming Home

- Faith that acts
 - “And he AROSE and CAME to his father”
- Acts 22:16
- Acts 8:22-24
- John 3:16

- The return to a life of sin, the departure from fellowship with God, begins with the wrong desires. Check your desires. Don't let unlawful desires take residence in your heart.

- Do not be deceived. “Passing pleasures of sin”.
Law of sowing and reaping.

- Sin is a hard taskmaster. Men begin by using the world as a servant of their own pleasures, and they end up becoming a servant of the world.

- The truth must be heard, understood, and believed in order for a man to repent.

- Repentance is an act of the will to change one's mind, and it is followed by a change of action

- God awaits and receives and welcomes the penitent with loving arms.