

The Lost Son



Read Luke 15 v 11-24.



1) Why do you think the younger son wanted his inheritance?

You normally only get your inheritance when a person dies, but he couldn't wait.

2) Did he care about his father, or anyone else?

3) What did the younger son do as soon as he received his money?

While everything went well, the son thought he was having a good time. 4) What happened when he had wasted all his money?



5) What made the lost son decide to return to his father?

6) Did he expect to be treated as a son from now on?

7) Instead of the warm, forgiving, generous welcome that the son received, how could the father have reacted when the son returned home?

Without God we are just wasting our life. 8) How can we get right with God?



9) What have you learned about God from this parable?

For your own thoughts: Where are you in your life?

- Are you still away from God, the heavenly Father? Do you know you need a Saviour?
- Or have you come back to God, trusting in what Jesus has done for lost sinners?

Attitudes!

We have seen contrasting attitudes in this parable. Look at these statements and questions. Put a circle around all those showing an attitude of rebellion and selfishness, like the lost son at the beginning; put a box around those which show a change of heart, like the son when he returned home.

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| I am so sorry! | Why should I obey my parents? | I just need money to make me happy | I was wrong |
| I don't deserve anything | | I want my rights | Enjoy life now! |

The questions we need to ask ourselves are "What am I doing with my life? Where will I end up if I go on like this?"

God is waiting for repenting sinners to turn to Him. Just like the father in the parable He will welcome all who come to Him. Jesus has given His life to pay for all the sins and wastefulness of those who repent and turn to Him. He treats them with kindness and mercy, even though they don't deserve it.



Be encouraged to come now to God to be made right!