The Gospel of Luke

God's Amazing Love

Luke 15 08.16.15

1. **A question we might ask Jesus:** Why do you spend so much time with people who seem to want _____ to do with you?

   Luke 15:1-2
   "Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. [2] And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

2. **The answer Jesus gives:** Because _____ person matters?

   Luke 5:30-32
   "[30] And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" [31] And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. [32] I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

3. **The joyful return of one _____ sinner.**

   Luke 15:3-7 Luke 15:8-10

4. **Both the _____ and the _____ are spiritually dead.**

   Luke 15:11-32

- The hearts of the two brothers were the _____.
- Neither son loved the father for _____.
- Both sons are _____ and both are _____ but only one _____.

FURTHER STUDY

1. Why do you suppose God chose to reveal Himself as "Father"?

   ⇒ What does a healthy father provide for his family?

2. Three examples from Luke 15 show the great lengths God goes to in order to see that all hear His truth and come to know Him personally. How do the following verses reinforce God's love and desire for all the know him?

   1Peter 3:9 Matthew 9:36 Ephesians 2:1-10

3. As followers of Christ we have been given the privilege of helping others see how much God loves them. What do the following verses tell you about how to go about making this kind of impact?

   John 13:34 Colossians 4:5-6 Ephesians 5:15-21
   1Peter 2:13-21 1Peter 3:15-16

4. In Luke 15 the obedient brother lost sight of all he had gained from his father after he saw his prodigal brother being rewarded upon his return home. How do the following verses affirm and motivate you to live a life of obedience?

   Matthew 16:27 1Corinthians 3:8-15
   Colossians 3:23-25 2John 4:8

5. Read John 14:15-31. Why does Jesus tie love and obedience together so closely as He prepares His disciples for life after His departure?

   ⇒ What role does the Holy Spirit play in our obedience to the Word of God?