

“The Parable Of The Prodigal ... God”

Orienting Jesus' Parable Around The Father

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

The adjective ‘prodigal’ means *spending money or resources freely and recklessly, wastefully extravagant*. Usually this word describes the son in our parable today, but Pastor Timothy Keller focuses us on *The Prodigal God: Recovering The Heart Of The Christian Faith*. “Both sons were using the father for their own self-centered ends rather than loving, enjoying, and serving him for his own sake. This means you can rebel against God and be alienated from him either by breaking his rules or by keeping all of them diligently...” Hear today about God’s free and extravagant grace!

I. This parable teaches us about _____ (v 11-16)

1. We run _____ from the Father when we ought to be running _____ him.
2. Sin grows like a _____ and _____ our lives, including property.

II. This parable teaches us about _____ (v 17-19, 21)

1. “He came to his _____” (NIV), saw the _____ of his situation.
2. He rightly diagnosed the _____ and _____ dimensions of his sin.
3. He saw his _____, and gave up his claim to _____.

III. This parable teaches us about _____ (v 20, 22-24)

1. Consider the _____ of the father.
2. Consider the _____ of the father.
3. Consider the _____ of the father.
4. Consider the _____ of the father.

IV. This parable teaches us about _____ (v 25-32)

1. Does the joy or _____ of another believer make you _____?
2. Do you _____ the _____ of another’s forgiveness?
3. Do you dwell upon the _____ of others? Accuse God of _____?
4. Behold the “_____” of God on display in this parable.
5. Glorify God for bringing _____ out of _____; pray for others to be _____.