

The Party Pooper Poops!

Luke 15:29-32

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Introduction

- *“The Prodigal Son in the Key of F”*
- Some find it hard to “rejoice with those who rejoice”
- Introduction of the Elder Son or “Party Pooper”

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A. The Pile of Poop by the Party Pooper—15:29-30

1. Lack of respect for his father—v. 29
2. Lousy Attitude over work—v. 29
3. Inflated, inaccurate view of himself—v. 29
4. Bitterness over perceived injustice—v. 29
5. Hostility toward his brother—v. 30

B. The Cleanup of the Pile by the Father—15:31-32

1. Handles its “very gently”.
2. Reassures his firstborn son of his love and affection and reminds him of the riches that were already his.—v. 31
3. Affirms the need to celebrate—v. 32

C. The Aftermath: What happened next?

1. Jesus does not resolve the tension between the father and the elder son. Left to us to write our own ending to the story.
2. Pharisees and teachers of the Law are challenged to honest self-evaluation, and to see themselves in the elder son.
 - a) Full of “poop”
 - b) Failed to enter into the relationship and privileges as God’s covenant people.
 - c) Tried to develop own righteousness rather than a righteousness from God by faith.
3. Possible Endings
 - a) Perfect Ending: Elder son repents and reconciled to father
 - b) Pharisee’s Ending: Father repents and prodigal is ejected.
 - c) Actual Ending: Elder son kills the father