

## Another Look at the Parable

Luke 15:25-32

The Older Brother is presented to us as a

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field....”

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you.....’

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

28 “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

Characteristics of a worldly Christian:

1. The Older Brother was filled with a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field.

When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

2. The Older Brother found service a \_\_\_\_\_ instead of a \_\_\_\_\_.

28 “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.’”

3. The Older Brother was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

A. This man was self-\_\_\_\_\_

B. He was self-\_\_\_\_\_.

C. He was full of self-\_\_\_\_\_

4. The Older Brother showed no concern or sympathy for the \_\_\_\_\_.

v30 "But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"

A. He was at a \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 13)

13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living."

B. He was \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 14)

14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need."

C. He was \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 16)

16 "He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything."

5. The Older Brother was \_\_\_\_\_ with his father.

6. The Remedy for Worldliness

A. Think of your \_\_\_\_\_.

"My son..." v31

B. Think of your \_\_\_\_\_.

"You are always with me..." v31

C. Think of your \_\_\_\_\_.

"Everything I have is YOURS..."v31