

The Joy of the Lord

Luke 15

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Key Truth: God loves you more than you love your sin!

Question: Do you love God more than you love your sin?

Three Principles about God's love (Matthew 3:17)

Principle # 1: I Love You!

Principle # 2: I am here with you!

Principle # 3: I am proud of you!

Three Parables (Luke 15)

What is a parable? A parable is, literally, something “cast alongside” something else. Jesus’ parables were stories that were “cast alongside” a truth in order to illustrate that truth. His parables were teaching aids and can be thought of as extended analogies or inspired comparisons. A common description of a parable is that it is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

1. **The sheep (Vs. 4-7)** Emphasis on the words (rejoicing and joy).
2. **The silver (Vs. 8-10)** Emphasis on the words (rejoicing and joy).
3. **The son (Vs 11-32)** Emphasis on the words (merry, glad) merry means to cheer.
 - a. **Sinful younger son (Vs. 12-16)**

BIGGEST SIN: He did not love his father like he ought to.

- b. **Self-Righteous Oldest Son (Vs.25-32)**

Biggest Sin: He did not love His father like he ought to.

- c. **Sacrificing Savior (Vs. 17-24)**

Principle: The son should have been shamed but the Father shifted the shame to himself. The Father loved his son more than the son loved his sin.