

Title: What kind of son are you? Part 2
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Word

The prodigal son (Luke 15)

Father had 2 sons

Actually story of 3 sons

1. Younger son (v11-16) -Rebellious (self focus)
2. Older son (v25-32) Religious (sacrifice focus)
3. Reborn son (v17-24) - God's righteousness

What kind of son are you?

Romans 8:19

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

1. True sons are born again

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

2. True sons are affirmed

Matthew 3:16-17

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

3 A's of affirmation:

- AFFECTION: "This is My beloved..."
- ACCEPTANCE: "This is My beloved Son..."
- APPROVAL: "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

3. True sons are secure

Luke 15:22

"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

1. IDENTITY (robe) = who you are.
2. AUTHORITY (ring) = what you can do.
3. DESTINY (sandals) = where you are going.

4. True sons take responsibility

a. By serving

Philippians 2:5-7

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

1 Corinthians 9:19

For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;

b. By obeying and submitting

Philippians 2:8a

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient...

Hebrews 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

c. By suffering

Philippians 2:8b

...to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Hebrews 5:8-9

⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Romans 8:16-17

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

d. By becoming fathers

Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalms 2:8

Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.