**Some Parables for Careful Consideration.**

Luke 15:11-32

The test of true greatness, can we pass the test?

The setting:

Jesus just taught what we should do, how we should act and what we should be like.

Love, loyalty, sacrifice, and salt.

Notice the people who started to gather. (15:1)

Notice the attitude of the religious folks. (15:2)

1. What is Jesus accused of doing in the first part of this chapter?
2. Who do you suppose is the target for these “Lost trilogy” parables?
3. Let’s start with the lost son parable and learn what Jesus wants us to learn.
   1. The younger son. Who does he relate to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. He makes a request. (11)
5. His lifestyle is changed. (13)
6. His life flip-flops. (He hits the bottom) (14-16)
7. His awakening is recorded. (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
8. There is proof of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (19-21)
   1. List these?

b. The older son. Who does he relate to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. His work is noticed. (25)
2. His questions are asked. (26)
3. He hears what he doesn’t want to hear. (27)
4. His reaction is one of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (28)
5. His attitude and actions are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_--\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (29-30)
6. There is no proof of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

c. The Father. Who does he relate to? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Supplies children with substance. (11-12)

Focus

Of

Story

1. Suffers loss but allows lesson to be learned. (13)
2. Knows his children very well. (20)
3. Sees son returning. (20)
4. Shows extent of his love. (20)
   1. Compassion
   2. Pursuit
   3. Embrace
   4. Affection
5. There is proof of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (21-23)
   1. Immediate transformation.
   2. Cause for rejoicing.
   3. The lost is found.
   4. The dead now live.

What are some lessons Jesus wants us to learn?