

Parables and Stories

The Prodigal Son or A Father and His Two Sons

Luke 15:11-32

1. Summarize the Story?
2. Is this a True Story or a Made-Up Story?
3. Specific Questions About the Story:
 - A. The Younger Son:
 - I. What do the actions and words of the younger son indicate about him in the first part of the story (vs. 12-14)?
 - II. Who does the younger son represent in this story?
 - III. What is significant and noteworthy about what happens in the middle of the story (vs.15-19)?
 - IV. What do the actions and words of the younger son indicate about his self-perception in the end of his part of the story (vs. 20-21)?
 - B. The Father
 - I. What do his actions indicate about him at the beginning (v.12)?
 - II. What do his past actions indicate about him (v.17; cf. Matt 20:8-15)?
 - III. Does the younger son's plan indicate anything about the father (vs.17-19)?
 - IV. What does the father's reception of his son indicate about him (vs.20-24)?
 - V. Who does the father represent in this story?
 - C. The Older Son
 - I. Does his inaction (vs.12-13), his location (v.25), and his response (vs.28-30) indicate anything of character of the older son?
 - II. What does his statement indicate about his self perception (vs.28-30)?
 - III. Who does the older son represent in this story?
 - D. How does the story end...
 - I. For the younger son? (v.24)
 - II. For the father? (vs.31-32)
 - III. For the older son? (v.28, also vs.30-32)