

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, we saw Jesus again telling the multitude the expectations and costs of being His disciple. Jesus declared that being his disciple requires a full commitment - you must be "All In!" The Messiah expected that those who would be His disciples would be fully committed - forsaking everything including family and self!
- * In today's passage, we see that this teaching got the attention of the multitude. In fact, those who we would think would be repelled by the teaching actually drew closer. Those who should have been open to the instruction, became more repulsed. Jesus addresses the interests of the Pharisees and the multitudes through two sections of parable - the first addressing the value of a repentant sinner and the second addressing the situation of the repentant sinner.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE SHEEP AND THE COIN - The V_____ of the Repentant Sinner****A. The T_____ of the Parables****B. The Co_____ of the Parables****II. THE PRODIGAL SON - The S_____ of the Repentant Sinner****A. The Attitude of the Youngest Son**

1. AN ATTITUDE OF R_____

- a. The D_____ for His Inheritance ... The Rejection of A_____
 - * cf. Exodus 20:12; Deut 27:16; Proverbs 20:20
- b. The S_____ of His Inheritance ... The Rejection of W_____
 - * cf. Proverbs 21:17, 20; Proverbs 23:19-22; Proverbs 28:7; Proverbs 29:3

2. AN ATTITUDE OF R_____

- a. His C_____ (v. 14-19)
 - i. THE C_____ OF THE FAMINE (v. 14-16; Hebrews 12:4-11)
 - ii. THE R_____ OF HIS FAMILY (v. 17-19; Proverbs 22:6)
- b. His C_____ (v. 18-19,21)
 - i. HIS H_____
 - ii. HIS P_____
- c. His C_____
 - i. HIS GAIN OF R_____
 - ii. HIS LOSS OF R_____ (cf. Matthew 6:19-21,24)

B. The Attitude of the Oldest Son (v. 25-32)

1. THE A_____ OF THE SON
2. THE A_____ OF THE FATHER

INTROSPECTION

- * Have you received the forgiveness of the Father? Are you willing to extend that forgiveness to others?
- * Are you living a "Prodigal" lifestyle? Are you squandering your inheritance in this world?
- * What is holding you back from being fully committed to Christ?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we best encourage those who are living a prodigal lifestyle to turn back to Christ?