

The Good Son Luke 15:25-30

The BIG Idea ... _____ - _____ isn't just dangerous; it's _____.

- Because it isn't just _____ that keeps people from heaven; it's _____ - _____.
Matthew 5:20 ... Philippians 3:9 ...

The Surprise

- The older son has been working all day out in the field. He's the _____ son.
- He comes home at the end of a very long day. He's tired, sweaty, and smelly—like the _____ when he came home.
- While the younger son was away from the father in a far-off _____, the older son has been away from the father in a far-off _____.
- When the older son asks a servant what's going on, the servant responds, "Your brother is home, and your dad has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound."
- "Are you kidding me? After all he's done? He should _____ for his sin. We should be having an _____, not a party. It's not _____."

Application: One of the surefire signs that self-righteousness has taken root in my heart is when I find myself thinking, "That's not fair. After all they did, they deserve God's _____, not His _____."

- "It's not fair. _____ don't deserve grace because _____ deserve justice."
- If we were given justice by God, _____ isn't just what we would get, it's _____ we would get. Romans 6:23 ...

The Anger

- The older son is angry and refuses to go in. He isn't angry at his _____; he's livid with his _____.
- The father comes to his son, to _____ plead with his son to come to the party.
- There is not a single word of _____ from the father—just mercy and kindness and compassion.

Application: Do we _____ the _____ of Jesus for self-righteous people?

The Refusal

- "I've _____ away for you all these years ... and I have never, ever disobeyed a single command. And what do I get? Nothing. Absolutely nothing."
- "He's the bad son—yet he gets prime rib. I'm the good son—yet I don't even get goat meat."
- The older son has become the _____. Here at the end of the story, he is what the younger son was at the beginning of the story—it's "_____ me what's rightfully mine."

The Takeaway

_____ your _____ against _____ form of self-righteousness.

- The good things we do become dangerous things—when we define our relationship with God by those things. Galatians 2:21 ...
- Obedience is our response of devotion to God that is empowered and motivated by the grace of God. 1 Corinthians 15:10 ... Galatians 6:14 ...