

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 15: Being Aware of How God Feels About Sin and Sinners (Part One)

Questions to consider:

1. How do you feel about sin? Your sin and the sin you see in others?
2. How does God feel about sin and sinners? (Exodus 33:19; Ezra 9:13-15)

Word Study Challenge: What do these words mean in their context in chapter 15?

V.V. 7 & 10 "Repent"

V. 17 "Came to his senses."

Read the following excerpts from Luke 15. What do they teach about how God feels about sinners?

Read Luke 15:1-10

1. From verses 1&2, what does it mean to "welcome" a sinner? Is it ever wrong to eat with a sinner? (Acts 17:15; 1 Cor. 5:5 & 9:13; 1 Cor.9:22-23)
2. Why would God rejoice more over a found sinner than a righteous person who never got lost?
3. What is the principle here about how we should view and treat sinners and the lost? (Eph. 2:1-5; 1 Tim.1:12-17; James 5:19-20)

Read Luke 15:11-32

4. What made the sinful young man come to his senses? Was he aware of his sin? Aware of his need? Or aware of his father's love? (17-20)
5. Define the character of the father. What is evident about his feelings? What is he more concerned about: restitution or restoration? (20-24)
6. How does God feel about the son who never left? Was he a better man? Is it possible to leave God and still live in his house? (25-32)