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A Parable of the Other Lost Son – Luke 15:25-32

(The Oldest Son Teaches Us How to Become a Self-Righteous Hypocrite in Four Easy Steps...A Spoof!)

1. Embrace a selective view of sin.

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'" (28-30)

2. Do things for God in order to get something from Him, and not because you love Him.

"But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.'" (29)

3. Refuse to show mercy to anyone and condemn others whenever possible.

"But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!" (30)

4. Do not rejoice whenever God helps someone else.

*"The older brother became angry and refused to go in...(The father)
'But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'" (28a, 32)*