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Priorities of Jesus: Sharing Our Faith

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1 Timothy 6:17-19- Command those who are rich in this present world not to be **arrogant nor** to put their **hope in wealth**, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to **do** good, to be rich in **good deeds**, and to be **generous** and **willing to share**. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

- Wealth can cause Christ followers to pull away from **depending** on God.
- Wealth can cause Christ followers to get **distracted** from God's priorities.

Luke 15:1-3- Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "**This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.**" ³ Then Jesus told them this parable:

- Jesus is going to tell us how he sees people who are far from God.

1. Jesus uses three metaphors to describe their _____.

A. He sees them as lost _____.

Luke 15:4-7- "**Suppose one of you** has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, **he joyfully puts it on his shoulders** ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

- A person far from God lacks spiritual understanding, which causes them to be **weak** in character and will.

Matthew 9:36-38 - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were **harassed** and **helpless**, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

B. He sees them as a lost _____.

Luke 15:8 - "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?"

- A person far from God lacks **purpose**.

C. He sees them as a lost _____.

Luke 15:11-16 - Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a **severe famine** in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and **hired himself out** to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ **He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.**"

- A person far from God lacks _____.

2. Jesus uses three metaphors to reveal the _____ of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A. Seeking Shepherd = _____

John 10:11 - I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

It is the nature of the Son to _____.

B. Seeking Woman = _____

Luke 15:8- "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. **Does she not light a lamp**, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

* It is the nature of the Holy Spirit to _____.

John 16:7-8- "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; . . ."

C. Seeking Father = _____

* It is the nature of the Father to _____.

Luke 15:17-24- "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!' ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. "**But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.**" ²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

3. The _____ (weakness, lack of purpose and fulfillment) of the person who is far away from God and the **nature** (rescuing, revealing and receiving) of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit gives us a **picture** of what the Church should be about when it comes to "GOING:"

- To _____ the people who are far away from God.
- To _____ the truth in love.
- To _____ them with grace.

NEXT STEP:

Pray for seven friends to invite to our next series "Remind," which starts next week.

