

## “Which One Am I Like?”

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### Luke 15:12-13

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.

† Prodigal means recklessly wasteful.

† The Prodigal Son is lost in his self-indulgence.

Luke 15:17 - "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!'"

† The first step anyone takes in making a come-back in life is when you come to the realization of who you truly are and what you have done.

† Everyone needs to do some self-examination

### Luke 15:28-29

28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

29 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.

† Being the eldest son, he is entitled to 2/3 of his dad's estate.

† The older brother is angry because he is self-centered.

### Luke 15:31-32

31 "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

32 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.'"

† This parable should be called the Parable of the Loving Father.

† The father is self-giving.

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† God's love is not one to take up sides.

† I am celebrated in my Heavenly Father's eyes when I come "to your senses."

### Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† Where am I in the birth order of my family?

† Of the two brothers, which reminds me most of my story?

† When have I been self-indulgent?

† When have I been self-centered?

† When have I been self-giving?

† How can I be more self-giving this week?