

# **Bible Characters and Their Message**

## ***Prodigal's Brother—True Bitterness***

### **Luke 15:24-32**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **True Bitterness:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the fellowship  
verse 28 *"Angry.....would not go in."*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of God – deny the power
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of God – cannot rejoice with people.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of God – affects your involvement
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ relationships  
verse 30 *"This thy son" not "my brother"*
  - Critical spirit towards \_\_\_\_\_
  - Critical spirit towards \_\_\_\_\_
  - Critical spirit towards \_\_\_\_\_

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ thankfulness**  
**verse 31 "All I have is thine"**

- **What God has done \_\_\_\_\_ you**  
**(assurance, acceptance)**
- **What God has done \_\_\_\_\_ you**  
**(provision, protection)**
- \* **What God had done \_\_\_\_\_ you**  
**(peace, power)**

**verse 29—His bitterness caused a silly**  
**verbalization . . .**  
**"You never gave me a goat"**

**verse 31—But in reality "whatever was the**  
**father's was his."**

**Question: What do you think would have**  
**happened if the " \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ " with true repentance**  
**would have met up with the**  
**" \_\_\_\_\_ " "**  
**before he made it to the**  
**" \_\_\_\_\_ " ?**

**Moments to Remember  
From the Bittered Brother**

- 1. A child of God cannot continue in bitterness.  
We forgive because we are \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Bitterness contradicts your \_\_\_\_\_ .**
  
- 2. The reason a lot of our churches are dead is  
because they are filled with \_\_\_\_\_ .**
  
- 3. The one that holds the bitterness becomes the  
\_\_\_\_\_ . It affects your entire life.  
Proverbs 17:22—*“Broken spirit dries bones”***
  
- 4. You cannot “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_”  
but you can “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .”**

**The struggle with forgiving is that it looks like the other person gets off “scot free”. We want them to pay—we end up paying!**