

# THE GOOD FATHER AND HIS LOST SONS

Luke 15:

























- A father who LOVED both his sons
- A father who had deep affection for the older son who stayed at home, who was working hard
- A father whose love was beyond what the son was trying to earn or work hard for

- Our father in heaven who LOVES us unconditionally
- Our Heavenly father who loves us: even when we are too busy, too distracted, too focussed on doing the 'right' things to experience His grace. Not WHEN we fall short. But because we DO
- God our father in heaven who sees our hearts and the motives that drive our hard work.

**“The proud and  
the self-righteous  
always feel that they are  
not treated as well as  
they deserve.”**



Bernard of Clairvaux wrote about four degrees of love

Love of self for self's sake

Love of God for self's sake

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