**Know God’s Heart**

Luke 15

“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’” Luke 15:1-2

**God’s Heart:**

1. **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for lost people (v. 4)

· **C**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)

· **C**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)

· **C**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)

2. **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** when a sinner repents (v. 17,19,23-24)

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance.” Luke 15:7

·  The **d**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **m**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of repentance and faith (v. 17, 20)

· The **d**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **b**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of salvation:

forgiveness and justification (v. 22)

3. **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for religious people

·  **H**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **w**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.25)

· Irritated by **S**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28)

· **U**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for what they have (v. 29-30)

“The elder brother is not losing the father’s love in spite of his goodness, but *because*of it. It is not his sins that create the barrier between him and his father, it’s the pride he has in his moral record; it’s not his wrongdoing but his righteousness that is keeping him from sharing in the feast of the father.”

Tim Keller, *Prodigal God*p. 35

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1. **Compassion** for lost people (v. 4)

* + **Confused** (v. 5)
  + **Crippled** (v. 13)
  + **Corrupted** (v. 16)

2. **Celebration** when a sinner repents (v. 17,19,23-24)

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o   The **double miracle** of repentance and faith (v. 17,20)

o   The **double blessing** of salvation: forgiveness and justification (v. 22)

3. **Concern** for religious people

* + **Hard working** (v. 25)
  + Irritated by **Slackers** (v. 28)
  + **Ungrateful** for what they have (v. 29-30)

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