

*The Parable of the Two Sons, part 5:*  
**“The ‘Moralist’ and the ‘Antinomian’ in All of Us!”**  
Luke 15:11-32

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*Identifying the “antinomian” and “moralist” bent within our own hearts*

**1. What do the Antinomian and Moralist have in common?**

**(1) Both view the commandments of God as burdensome** (symptomatic)

-1- **The antinomian casts them off!** (the younger son’s departure to the far country)

-2- **The moralist tries to perform!** (the elder: “*Lo, these many years I have been serving you*”)

**(2) Neither has tasted of the grace of God**

- Each one must first reckon with his true need
- Each must discover himself before he can discover the grace and love of God
- Generally, one begins as a moralist and then abandons the venture, turning antinomian

**(3) Both have the same view of God**

- 1- It is a perverted view: a “cruel taskmaster” (cf. Lk. 19:11-27 “a severe man”)

- 2- It is a very old view – a very old lie! Genesis 3

- Introduced and embraced at the fall
- Deeply ingrained in our hearts through original sin

**2. What Is the Cure?**

**How is this perverse view of God rooted out?**

**(1) To see clearly the goodness of God**

- The wonder of His provision in Christ

*“Son, you are always with me,  
and all that I have is yours.”*

**(2) To hear His entreaties**

*“his father came out and pleaded with him”*

**(3) To see and know His compassion**

*“his father...had compassion,  
and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.”*

**(4) To taste afresh of His grace in its fullness**

*“Bring out the best robe and put it on him”*

**Further Application**