

SERMON NOTES

March 17, 2013

Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?

TWO KINDS OF CHRISTIANS

WHO CARES WHERE MY BROTHER IS?

Luke 15:11-32 *Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 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. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

- ❶ One son _____ and the other son _____
- ❷ One son _____ while the other son _____
- ❸ One son was a _____ and the other son was a _____

LISTEN TO ETERNITY

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.' "

* Are you acting like the older _____?

WATCH OUT FOR THESE OLDER BROTHER ATTITUDES

Three Guiding Principles

HI 5

It is our goal to greet everyone who visits us at least 5 times as they enter and 5 times as they leave.

50/50

In all our ministries we endeavor to think about the people who have not yet become followers of Jesus Christ. 50/50 is meant to communicate that we will always strive to connect to Pre-Christians as well as Christians.

Belong. Believe. Behave.

We always want to keep in mind that people need to feel a sense that they belong no matter what their background or past experience. To us, Belonging comes before Believing and Behaving.