



- **Lost sons or daughters become lost due to _____.**

When the younger told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die!' His father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. ¹³ "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and took a trip to a distant land, and there wasted all his money on parties and prostitutes. **Luke 15:12-13** (TLB)

Refusing to obey God is as sinful as using evil magic. Being proud is as evil as worshiping statues of go... **1 Samuel 15:23a** (NIRV)

NOTE: The father is _____ for his child, yet he is not _____ for his child.

Why is he not searching? Because he knows _____ his child is.

➤ **TWO VITAL QUESTIONS ABOUT LOST AND REBELLIOUS SONS AND DAUGHTERS:**

QUESTION 1 – What can we do to “find” the defiant?

ANSWER #1: You and I can have the heart of our _____.

"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him... ²² "But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began. **Luke 15:20, 22-24** (NLT)

- We can _____ for his son to turn around.
- We can _____ when he turned around.
- We can _____ when he turned around.
- We can _____ when he had turned around.

ANSWER #2: You and I can be better than the _____.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When...he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.' ²⁸ "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰ Yet

when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!' **Luke 15:20, 22-24** (NLT)

- You and I can refuse to be _____-centered and _____ - righteous.

QUESTION 2 – What does the defiant son or daughter do to “find” home?

1. _____ about your life _____.

"About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. ¹⁵ He persuaded a local farmer to hire him to feed his pigs. ¹⁶ The boy became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!' **Luke 15:14-17** (NLT)

"I have thought about my life, and I have directed my feet back to your written instructions." **Psalms 119:59** (GW)

2. _____ your direction _____.

"I will go home to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.' ²⁰ So he returned home to his father... ²¹ His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' **Luke 15:18-21** (NLT)

3. _____ the Father's grace _____.

"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ²³ Kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate..., ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found!' **Luke 15:22-24** (NLT)

4. _____ with the Father's people _____.

"We must celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began. ²⁵ ... the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return. **Luke 15:23b-27** (NLT)

5. _____ the people who would hinder you _____.

"Meanwhile...the older brother was angry..." **Luke 15:28**(NLT)

"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm." **Proverbs 13:20** (NIV)

"The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray" **Proverbs 12:26** (NIV)