



THE SON WHO MISSED THANKSGIVING
Luke 15:25 -32
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Introduction: In Luke chapter 15, our Savior relays a parable about an older brother who missed Thanksgiving. He refused to attend a feast because he was unthankful. As we look at the older brother's story we have to ask the question: How is it that an extremely blessed person can become so ungrateful? If anyone should have been content, shouldn't it have been the older brother? Well, you would think so, but unfortunately that was not the case. Tonight, as we look at the dialogue between the father and elder brother, we will see 3 things that can keep us from celebrating Thanksgiving with our Father.

I. Because We Are Distant From the Father (vs. 25-28)

A. When our heart is not in the right place (vs. 25-26)

B. When we do not deal with offenses biblically (vs. 26)

C. When not dealt with properly, we become angry (vs. 27-28)

II. Because We Have a Critical Grumbling Spirit (vs. 29-30)

A. It comes from an inflated view of self (vs. 29)

B. It leads to an embittered spirit (vs. 30)

III. Because We Are Blind to Our Possessions (vs. 31-32)

God has 3 things to say to those in this state:

A. "I treasure our relationship more than your work!"

B. "You have access to all of my resources!"

C. "It's my party, so come join me!"

Conclusion:

