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(9) And when she has found *it*, she calls *her* friends and *her* neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; because I have found the piece which I had lost.

(10) Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

(11) And He said, A certain man had two sons:^c

(12) And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of inheritance that belongs *to me*. And he divided to them *his* living.

(13) And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

(14) And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

(15) And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

(16) And he would long to have filled his belly with the husks that the swine ate: but no man gave anything to him.

(17) And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

(18) I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you,

(19) And am no more worthy to be called your son: make me as one of your hired servants.

(20) And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

(21) And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight, and am no more worthy to be called your son.

(22) But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:

(23) And bring here the fattened calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:

(24) Because this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

(25) Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

(26) And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

(27) And he said to him, Your brother has returned; and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him safe and sound.

(28) And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore his father came out, and pleaded with him.

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(29) And he answering said to *his* father, Indeed, these many years I have served you, neither have I at any time sinned against your commandment: and yet you never gave me a kid {goat}, that I might make merry with my friends:

(30) But as soon as this your son has returned, who has devoured your living with prostitutes, you have killed for him the fattened calf.

(31) And he said to him, Son, you are ever with me, and all that I have is yours.

(32) It was right that we should make merry, and be glad: because this your brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Chapter 16

(1) And He said also to His disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a steward; and the same was accused to him that he had wasted his goods.^a

(2) And he called him, and said to him, How is it that I hear this of you? give an account of your stewardship; because you may no longer be steward.

(3) Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? because my lord takes away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.

(4) I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

(5) So he called every one of his lord's debtors *to himself*, and said to the first, how much do you owe to my lord?

(6) And he said, One hundred measures of oil. And he said to him, Take your bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

(7) Then he said to another, And how much do you owe? And he said, One hundred measures of wheat. And he said to him, Take your bill, and write eighty.

(8) And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: because the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

(9) And I say to you, Make for yourselves friends of the money of unrighteousness; that, when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting homes.

(10) He who is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he who is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

(11) If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous money, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*?

(12) And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

(13) No servant can serve two masters: because either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

(14) And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they mocked {made fun of} Him.

16:1a – parable of the unjust steward – see [Appendix B: Recorded Parables of Jesus](#)