

**Sermon Outline**  
**Sermon Series: Parables of Jesus**  
**Sermon: The Pharisee: The Elder Son**  
**Key Verse: Luke 15: 25-32**

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**Introduction:** The Religious Pharisee

The older son gives three clear characteristics of being a Pharisee.

- I. **Resentful Son** – “He became angry and refused to go in.” v28
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. **Religious Son** – “but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, . . .’” v29a
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. **Relationship with the father was flawed** – “yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him . . .” v29b - 32

**Takeaway:** Older brothers need Jesus just as much as younger brothers.