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#### A Positive Reflection of the Reformer

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#### The Oldest Son:

- 1. He sees the reflection of the nearly perfect child.
- 2. He sees the reflection of the <u>flawless employee</u>.
- 3. He sees the reflection of the <u>serious</u> and <u>seldom playful</u> son.
- 4. He sees the reflection of the only <u>dependable</u> and <u>trustworthy</u> son.

The Problem - "He sees" = It's not fair.

## The Negative Reflection of the Reformer

# Luke 15:20-30 (TPT)

"So the young son set off for home. From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, dressed as a beggar, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. So the father raced out to meet him. He swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love. "Then the son said, 'Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. I could never deserve to be called your son. Just let me be—' "The father interrupted and said, 'Son, you're home now!' "Turning to his servants, the father said, 'Quick, bring me the best robe, my very own robe, and I will place it on his shoulders. Bring the ring, the seal of sonship, and I will put it on his finger. And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son. Let's prepare a great feast and celebrate. For this beloved son of mine was once dead, but now he's alive again. Once he was lost, but now he is found!' And everyone celebrated with overflowing iov. "Now, the older

son was out working in the field when his brother returned, and as he approached the house he heard the music of celebration and dancing. So he called over one of the servants and asked, 'What's going on?' "The servant replied, 'It's your younger brother. He's returned home and your father is throwing a party to celebrate his homecoming.' "The older son became angry and refused to go in and celebrate. So his father came out and pleaded with him, 'Come and enjoy the feast with us!' "The son said, 'Father, listen! How many years have I been working like a slave for you, performing every duty you've asked as a faithful son? And I've never once disobeyed you. But you've never thrown a party for me because of my faithfulness. Never once have you even given me a goat that I could feast on and celebrate with my friends like he's doing now. But look at this son of yours! He comes back after wasting your wealth on prostitutes and reckless living, and here you are throwing a great feast to celebrate—for him!'

### The oldest son's deepest struggles:

- 1. He doesn't see how <u>disinterested</u> he is in <u>others'</u> achievements.
- 2. He has a serious, but in his mind, <u>justifiable</u> anger problem.
- 3. He makes the father grovel for his forgiveness.
- 4. He is filled with self-<u>pity</u> and emotes selfrighteousness.

The Pro - "<u>He says it</u>" - He lets his feelings out - many "ones" don't.

#### The Best Reflection of the Reformer

## Luke 15:31-32 (TPT)

"The father said, 'My son, you are always with me by my side. Everything I have is yours to enjoy. It's only right to celebrate like this and be overjoyed, because this brother of yours was once dead and gone, but now he is alive and back with us again. He was lost but now he is found!"

They "should" all over others and themselves.

The core sin of the one: anger.

This reflects Jesus as a "1" – empathizing with a "7" (the lost son).

## Healthy Reformers Reflect FUN when they are:

- F<u>lexible</u> regarding their agendas,
- Understanding about others' imperfections, and they
- Notice other people's accomplishments

## **Ephesians 4:26-27 (TPT)**

But don't let the passion of your emotions lead you to sin! Don't let anger control you or be fuel for revenge, not for even a day. Don't give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, an opportunity to manipulate you!

## Reformers need me to love and appreciate their:

- Perfect timing and well-planned lifestyle.
- Commitment to detail.
- Passion to <u>improve</u> and <u>increase</u> productivity.

If you do this, the Reformer in your life will make you a better person.

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