



WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR LIFE IS HAPPENING "Don't Miss the Party" Luke 15:1-32

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I. Something to Criticize. vv. 1-3

- A. Jesus was looking for people with "ears." 14:35
- B. He found some:
 - 1. Tax collectors.
 - a. Collaborators.
 - b. Extortioners.
 - c. Unclean.
 - 2. "Sinners."
- C. Pharisees, scribes taught separation.
- D. Jesus practiced evangelization. 19:10

II. Something to Celebrate. vv. 4-24

- A. Recognizing "lostness."
 - 1. Lostness = destruction. 4:34
 - 2. Lostness = deterioration. 5:37
 - 3. Lostness = dissipation. 9:24
 - 4. Lostness = disintegration. 15:17
- B. Rescuing a lost sheep. vv. 4-7
 - 1. Lost because of constitution.
 - 2. Caring, chasing, carrying, celebration.
 - 3. Repentance leads to rejoicing.
- C. Recovering a lost coin. vv. 8-10
 - 1. Lost because of circumstances.
 - 2. See B. 2-3 above.
- D. Reconciling a lost son. vv. 11-24
 - 1. Lost because of choice.
 - 2. Gravity of lostness.
 - 3. Waiting father.
 - 4. Realization, repentance, return.
 - 5. Reconciliation and rejoicing.

III. Something to Consider. vv. 25-32

- A. The purpose of Christ's coming. 19:10
 - 1. Calling the "sinner."
 - 2. Challenging the "self-righteous." vv. 28-29
- B. The priorities of Christ's church.
 - 1. Seeking the lost.
 - 2. Inviting to the party.

Points to ponder: How do I view people? How do I relate to "lost" people? Do I expect to attend the party? Why?