

Ingredients of a Healthy Relationship with God

1. A Relationship in the first place

John 3:3 except a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God

2. A desire to be with Him

Isaiah 26:9 My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you

Phil 1:21 For me to live is Christ, to die is gain

John 7:37 If anyone is thirsty...

3. Time in His Presence

Psalms 46:10 Be still and know that I am God.

Psalms 45:1 Communication both ways

4. The Holy Spirit & Gifts

John 14 – Jesus promises the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 – The Holy Spirit comes.

Acts 4:8 Then Peter filled with the HS.

Acts 8:15 They prayed that they might receive.

Acts 19:2 Did you receive the HS?

1 Cor. 12 – the gifts of the HS.

Why? Acts 1:8 – power; Acts 4:31 – boldness; Acts 6:3 – wisdom; John 14:26 – teaching; 1 Cor. 12:7 – common good; 1 Cor. 12:28 – different ministry giftings; Eph. 5:18 – singing; 1 Peter 4:10 – serve others

Four Warnings:

1. Acts 5:3 Do not lie to the HS.

2. Acts 7:51 Do not resist.

3. Eph 4:30 Do not grieve.

4. 1 Thess. 5:19 Do not quench

Paul spoke in tongues 1 Cor. 14:18 speak in tongues...

5. Worship

Eph. 5:19 sing and make music in your heart to the Lord



This is the fourth of the series, 'From the house to the field! In this session we will look at the parable of the Prodigal son(s) and see what it was that drove both of them to the field.

[Genesis 39:5](#)

From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned; the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the **field**.

[Luke 15:15](#)

So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his **fields** to feed pigs.

[Luke 15:25](#)

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the **field**. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

Two Sons, both lost; why?

What was the family's problem?

Today, problems can be caused by a number of things – Rebellion – Money – Addictions – bad friends – bullying – depression – low self-esteem – Not so here

Vs. 12 - divided his property – liquidity

Vs. 13 – got together all he had – possessions / money

Vs. 13 – a distant land – money to go far

Vs. 17 – father’s hired men – an employer

Vs. 23 – fattened calf – for a special occasion

Vs. 26 – one of his servants – prosperous man

The 2 boys seemed to have had everything going for them:

Vs. 16 it was obvious he knew how to look after animals

Vs. 21 an awareness of spiritual things – sinned against heaven

Vs. 29 I’ve been slaving for you – hard workers & trained

The problem can be summed up in one thing- a breakdown of relationships between the father and his sons.

Vs. 12 – give me!

Vs. 13 - set off

Vs. 25 – meanwhile – no interest from the older boy

Vs. 25 – near the house

Vs. 26 – asked a servant what was going on

Vs. 29 – all these years – slaving – orders – not even – son of yours – your property.

Vs. 31 “You are always with me & everything I have is yours!”

No evidence that the boys were not disciplined, hard working, prosperous, organised, successful, prepared etc. BUT there was just no relationship there.

Therefore, to go successfully from the house to the field, we need to have a good, living relationship with the Father.