

## **God's Recycling Plan Luke 15:11-32**

### **I. The Occasion of the Parable**

- A. The Pharisees were critical of Jesus for associating with "sinners," whom they despised (vv.1-2).
- B. The parables of the lost sheep and the coin showed the religious leaders that a sinner's return to God should be a cause for rejoicing rather than grumbling (vv.3-10).

### **II. The Key Emphasis of the Parable**

- A. Pride and lack of humility will not only lead us to think differently than God, they also lead us away from God's will (Romans 12:2-3).
- B. No matter how sinful we are, God waits patiently and lovingly for us to return to Him (Psalm 103).

### **III. The Lessons of the Parable**

- A. Humility provides an opportunity for God to embrace us with His tender care (1 Peter 5:5-6).
- B. Humility provides an opportunity for us to identify with Christ (Philippians 2:3-11).