



## PRIDE AND THE ELDER BROTHER

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How does God view us when we rebel?

What are the limits of God's grace?

Can we come home?

Does \_\_\_\_\_ separate us from God?

*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

JAMES 4:6

SEE ALSO PROVERBS 16:8; EZEKIEL 28:11-19; ISAIAH 14:12-17; LUKE 10:19

### Meanwhile, the Elder Brother

*"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing." LUKE 15:25 ESV*

*"For certain types of people, grace is not only amazing, but also infuriating."*

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*"But he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.'<sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has*

*devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!”*

LUKE 15:29-30 ESV

*“Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?”* MATTHEW 20:13-16

God’s economy operates on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found”* LUKE 15:31-32 ESV}}

## **Two Conversions**

1. From \_\_\_\_\_ YOUNGER SON

2. From \_\_\_\_\_ OLDER SON

*When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.*

*<sup>6</sup> He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

*<sup>7</sup> Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.* TITUS 3:4-5 NLT