

STUDY QUESTIONS
THE PRODIGAL GOD
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Chapter Four: Redefining Lostness

Elder-brother lostness - *"The older brother became angry and refused to go in."*

ANGER

1. Think about a time you felt anger or bitterness. Was it because you felt you were "owed" something you were denied? How does results-oriented behavior cause this?

2. How would you rate your ability to handle suffering? How does trying to control life through performance rob joy and peace?

SUPERIORITY

3. Feelings of superiority breed racism and classism, unforgiveness and judgmentalism. It's impossible to forgive someone if you feel superior to that person. How is feeling superior a self-made prison?

4. What is fear-based morality? Compare this to God-fearing morality.

5. What are signs in one's life that indicate a person is unsure of God's love and delight in them?

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW THIS?

6. The elder and younger brothers of this world need to understand "elder-brother lostness". However, what is a third group of people who need to understand this? Where might you find yourself in this parable?