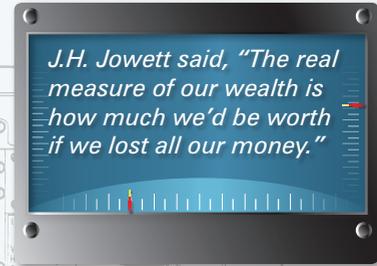


CONSIDER THIS |



WARM UP | Three boys were bragging about who had the best dad. The first boy says, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem, and they give him \$100." The second boy jumps in and says, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a song, and they give him \$1,000." The third boy grins and says, "Oh, yeah? My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes six men just to collect all the money!"



 **READ |** Luke 15:17-20

BACKGROUND |

In the famous prodigal son story, both sons struggle with the idea that being a son was a matter of being **worthy**. The youngest son blew the father's inheritance and figured he was only fit to be a servant, and the older brother said "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders." Both were wrong. The element that made him a **son** was the fact that he had a **father**. And nothing could change that. Worthiness is not the issue at all. Birth makes us sons of God. Not worth.

QUESTIONS |

1 Why is it dangerous to tie your worth to your performance?

2 What is the only source of significance that cannot be taken away?

3 How does failure affect your sense of worth?

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER |

What do I need to apply from what I have learned from this study?

WRAP UP |

Ask God to reveal His unconditional acceptance and worth.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER |

Figure 1-3. (Sheet 5)