

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO COME HOME

Part 2 of 5

1. REALIZE _____

When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!"

Luke 15:17

2. COME HOME _____

I will set out and go back to my father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men."

Luke 15:18-19

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME WHEN I COME HOME?

1. GOD EXPECTS ME TO _____

Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honor anyone who serves me.

John 12:26 (GN)

FOREWARNING: The rest of this list works only when I do #1

Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

John 15:4 (Mes)

2. GOD EXPECTS ME TO _____

If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

1 John 4:20 (NLT)

Christ has given us this commandment: The person who loves God must also love other believers.

1 John 4:21 (GW)

Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other.

Rom. 12:10 (GW)

3. GOD EXPECTS ME TO _____

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Pet. 4:10 (NLT)

You have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Gal. 5:13 (NLT)

4. GOD EXPECTS ME TO _____

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

Eph. 4:11 (NLT)

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Eph. 4:12 (NLT)

This will continue until we are united by our faith and by our understanding of the Son of God. Then we will be mature, just as Christ is, and we will be completely like him.

Eph. 4:13 (CEV)

5. GOD EXPECTS ME TO _____

Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Col. 2:6-7 (NLT)

Grow in spiritual strength and become better acquainted with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Pet. 3:18 (LB)

6. GOD EXPECTS ME TO _____

Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full.

Luke 14:23 (LB)

So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.

Rom. 15:7 (LB)