

CALLED TO RETURN

Lesson 3, Luke 15:11-24, KJV

HELPFUL DIRECTIONS?

Read the following two sets of directions on how to get to the library. Which would you find most helpful?

1. “Head west toward North Goodman Street and turn right. Staying on Goodman, cross under the Route 104 overpass (where you’ll want to be in the right lane to avoid turning traffic), and continue on Goodman all the way to Titus, which is 3.5 miles away. Cross Titus and turn left into the first driveway, and you will be at the library.”

2. “Turn out of the driveway toward Goodman and turn right. You will come to a big intersection with Rite Aid on the corner. Keep going straight until you come to an overpass, which you will go under. The next major intersection has Tim Horton’s to your right. Stay straight for several miles until you cross a street (I can’t remember the name) but you will see the library there on the corner.”

Why do you prefer the type of directions you chose?

Which type are you more likely to give?

MIXED-UP PARABLE

The person who wrote the following account of the parable of the prodigal son got some parts of it mixed up. Cross out any parts that are wrong and rewrite it correctly.

A. “A man had two sons and the younger son said to his father, ‘Would you give me some money as a stake in my future?’” So the father gave him a generous sum.

B. “The young man settled nearby, so he could be close to his family and his people.”

C. “Through no fault of his own, he fell on hard times and became very hungry; a man gave him a good job and food to eat.”

D. “He decided he would be better off back home, so he planned to say to his father, ‘I’ve had a run of bad luck, and I hope you will allow me to come back and live as your son.’”

E. “His father allowed him to finish his speech and then spent some time thinking about whether he would make him a servant or allow him to return as his son.”

F. “It took a while for the father to forgive the son and allow him to move home. And he let him know he wasn’t all that happy to have him back.”