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I. 2 ATTITUDES THAT KEEP ME FROM ENJOYING GOD'S TREASURES

1. My rules, not God's reunion.

You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy. (Psalm 30:11) NLT

- The brother was focused on a task; the Father was focused on the lost.

2. My expectations, not God's heart.

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God." (Luke 18:9-14a) NLT

II. 2 SOLUTIONS THAT REVEAL GOD'S TRUE TREASURES

1. I value what God values – people who are searching.

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. (Luke 19:10) NLT

As long as it is day, we must do what the one who sent me wants me to do. When night comes, no one can work. (John 9:4) CEV

2. I rejoice over what God rejoices over – people coming to Him.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world. But because of his great love for

us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:1-2a,4-5) NIV

- **Everyone around you right now is necessary to God – and so are you!**

All of you together form the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 (LB)