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Center Point Baptist Church
“Being An Adolescent Is Difficult”
Luke 15:11-24
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- I. Story of the prodigal son.
 - A. Generation gap began long ago.
 - B. Generation gap not new to our age.
 - C. Questioning not only fathers but God.
 - 1. Questioning God’s law.
 - 2. Question God’s right to control their lives.

- II. Nations go through the pains of growing up.
 - A. Got all the knowledge and answers.
 - B. Got all the power.
 - C. Must learn the hard way.

- III. Individuals go through growing up pains.
 - A. Question parents and society.
 - B. The problem is when you feel you have all the answers.
 - C. The problem is when you feel you are right and everyone else is wrong.
 - D. Every generation feels they must do their thing.
 - E. Being as old as I am, I am amazed at the changes I’ve seen in many of the 60’s generation.
 - F. Sometimes doing your thing gets you in trouble as it did the prodigal son.
 - G. There are consequences to the wild side of life.

- IV. When you come to yourself you have two choices.
 - A. Accepting despair and defeat.
 - B. Make things right between your parents and God.
 - C. This requires action on your part.

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- V. God will receive the repentant person seeking help.
 - A. Notice the decryption of the father.
 - 1. Ran to meet him.
 - 2. Blessed him.
 - 3. Rejoiced over the son.
 - 4. God will rejoice over one returning prodigal who has gone astray.
 - B. In each of the three parables in this chapter Jesus said there would be rejoicing in Heaven.
 - C. If even one sinner repents today there will be great rejoicing in this Church by God and the angels in Heaven.
 - D. What will you do?
 - 1. Continue in despair and defeat.
 - 2. Or come to yourself.