

Luke 17 • Wrong Spiritual States

1. (v.1-6) All spiritual problems can be traced back to either an issue with one's personal **repentance** because of **sin**, or in dealing with the **forgiveness** of others because of **sin**.
2. (v.7-10) Spiritual problems – especially spiritual **deception** – are often traced to someone's desire more for the **things** of this life than doing the **work** necessary to **obtain** them in the next.
3. (v.11-19) There are those who squander their **opportunities** in an effort to make life better in this life. They are like the Prodigal Son, desiring to spend their **inheritance** in the here and now.
4. (v.20-37) Many people are not prepared for Jesus' Second Coming because they mistakenly believe that at the point of His coming everything will **change**, when in reality it is the point at which it's too late to personally **change** and **entrance** is then impossible.

Overall Application:

How does someone arrive at the wrong spiritual state of being unprepared for Christ's Return?

1. They are **unforgiving** to begin with, either in terms of their personal sin, addressing the sins of others, or both.
2. They see themselves as **unpaid**, someone who deserves more out of **THIS** life.
3. They are **ungrateful**, desiring **personal** blessings without feeling the need to render proper worship and gratitude in return.