

## **SPIRITUAL TASK—THREE CHALLENGES** (Luke 7)

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Three challenges:

1. Ravens: In times when we are self-absorbed, we are given a taste of heaven, even though our ideas of goodness are false
2. The Widow: When we take the credit for our goodness, it dwindles. Life seems no fun any more. If we consciously put the Lord first, by asking what He would have us do, our satisfaction and contentment keep on, day after day.
3. The son's death and new life: When our principles seem to stop working, we submit them to the Lord's Word. In a state of reflection and prayer, He breathes new life into them.

Two suggestions, dealing with the second and third challenges: (1) Make a conscious habit for the whole week of asking, "What does the Lord want me to do?" See if it makes a difference to some of your decisions, and to your joy in carrying them out. (2) Take a look at some principle you have that you've been a bit discouraged about lately. Look at it with fresh eyes, maybe even going to the Word to see if you can find new light on it. Pray to the Lord for guidance, and see if a new life comes into that principle, or that ideal.