Four Guidelines for Proper Interpretation

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Learn from the explanations Jesus gave in those parables He explained.

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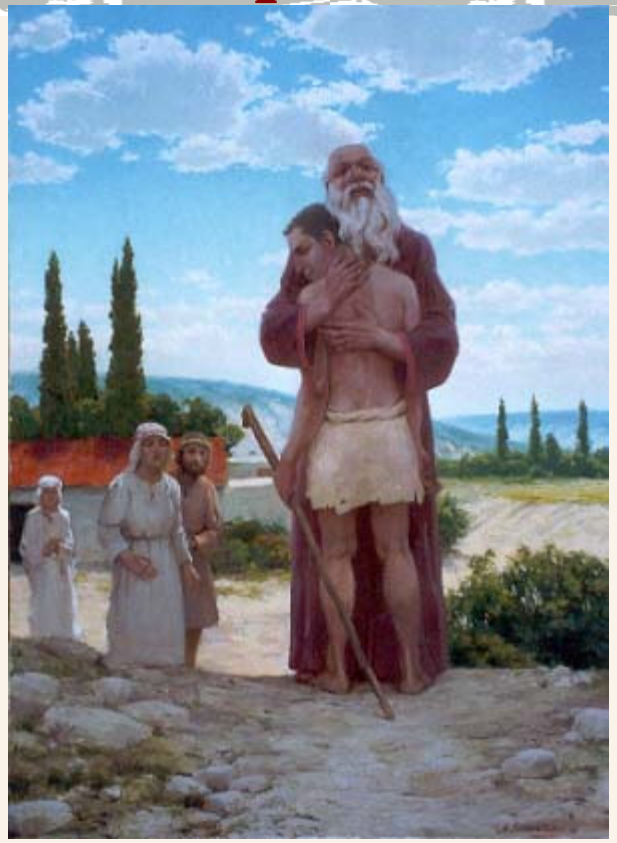
Look for the CENTRAL truth of the parable, making sure that any other truths gleaned from the parable are in harmony with it.



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Consider carefully the CONTEXT of Jesus's words.

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Don't use the parables to formulate new doctrine.