

## Jesus Tells the Parable of a Father and His Two Sons (Luke 15:11-32) #1

<sup>11</sup> Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

- A \_\_\_\_\_ Son
- An \_\_\_\_\_ Son

### 1. The Younger Son Leaves His Father and Home and Lives a Reckless Life

a. His \_\_\_\_\_ (12a)

<sup>12a</sup> "And the younger of them said to [his] father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls [to me].'

- Premature – prior to when it was due
- Presumptive – assuming present value
- Problematic – difficult to accomplish
- Partitioning – breaking from family
- Permanent – no more inheritance

b. His \_\_\_\_\_ (12b)

<sup>12b</sup> So he divided to them [his] livelihood.

- The father complies
- The father gives him his means to live

c. His \_\_\_\_\_ (13a)

<sup>13a</sup> "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country,

- Put distance between him and home (permanently)?
- Push off structure, identity, authority, responsibility, accountability
- Pursue fun, folly, and the flesh

d. His \_\_\_\_\_ (13b)

<sup>13b</sup> and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

- Property (goods v.12) scattering – reckless
- Prodigal living – wasteful (Eph 5:18)

e. His \_\_\_\_\_ (14)

<sup>14</sup> "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

- He exhausts his money
- He saves nothing for difficult times
- He runs out of the means to eat

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f. His \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

<sup>15</sup> "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

- Back to structure, identity, authority, responsibility, accountability
- Bottomed out to a worse and even offensive situation (unclean)
- Blocked from fun, folly, and the flesh

g. His \_\_\_\_\_ (16a)

<sup>16a</sup> "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him [anything].

- His lust is reduced to focus on survival rather than pleasure
- His goal was to attempt to satisfy his hunger
- His awful diet is pigs' food

h. His \_\_\_\_\_ (16b)

<sup>16b</sup> and no one gave him [anything].

- No friends remain
- No kindness is shown

### Summary Lessons

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ are wicked, and come to wrong, sinful conclusions that seem right at the time
2. God \_\_\_\_\_ structure, authority, and accountability for our benefit
3. God's ways often require \_\_\_\_\_
4. God's \_\_\_\_\_ are for our safety and success
5. Sin offers pleasure for a \_\_\_\_\_ season
6. Sin promises much but pays \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sin \_\_\_\_\_ leaves us broke and broken in the end
8. Sin's effects are \_\_\_\_\_ – you cannot escape sin's results
9. Both wisdom and foolishness are \_\_\_\_\_, and have real consequences