



Luke 15:11-24

**The Prodigal
And
Wasted Stewardship**

Stewardship

- **Attitude**
- **Belief**
- **Consider**
- **Wasted**

The Prodigal

**This Story deals with Many Issues
Misplaced...**

- **Attitudes**
 - How Do You Perceive God's Deposit in You
 - **Ownership vs Stewardship**
- **Actions**
 - How Do You Handle God's Deposit in You
 - Please **Self** vs Please **Father**
- **Associations**
 - **Healthy vs Unhealthy**

Greatest Example of Wasted Stewardship

The Prodigal

He Had...

- **Power**
 - **Associated “Family Power”**
 - **Personal Power** -*did what he wanted w-limits*
- **Protection**
 - **His Father**
 - **His Family**
- **Potential**
 - **Unlimited**
 - **Conditional**

The Prodigal Son

***“Excessive, extravagant
One who wastes”***

**The Story of
Wasted Stewardship**

The Set Up

This Young Man was in a

- **Awesome Place**

...but Couldn't See It

So It Became a...

- **Neglected Place**
- **Forfeited Place**
- **Longed for Place**

The Son Grew Complacent with...

...the Father's Thing (11-12)

He had a Change in Attitude

He Could Not Wait to Do Things

- Under the Proper Conditions
- In the Proper Way
- Without His Father's Leadership
- From Stewardship to Ownership

“Leave God's Word and Purpose”

The Son Decided to Do...

...His Own Thing (13)

He had a Change in Actions

- He Gathered All Together
- He Journeyed to Far Country
 - Got as Far Away as Possible
 - From Father's Authority, Influence

“Leave God's House”

The Son Realized His Thing...

...was not Just His Thing (13b)

He had a Change in Association

- Wasted (*scattered*)
- Riotous (*wasteful -living -associations*)
 - He is now the ***“life of the party”***
 - He lives with ***“no limits”***
 - He lives with ***“no responsibility”***
 - Soon He will live with ***“no help!”***

“Wasted Stewardship”

The Son was Forced to Do...

...Someone Else's Thing (14-16)

He had a Change in Authority

- **He was Unprepared**
 - to Handle the Change; *“spent all”*
 - Without ***“Famine”***
 - Within ***“be in Want”***

- **He was Unable to Sustain**
 - Had to Join to **Citizen**
 - Join (*enter into covenant; glue to*)

“From Ownership to Spiritual Poverty”

The Son Realized that He Needed...

...the Father's Thing (17-20a)

He had a Change in Attitude -3 parts

- He *“came to himself”*
 - *Deals w- His Attitude*
- He said *“I will arise...”*
 - *Deals w- His Decisions*
- He *“arose / came...”*
 - *Deals w- His Actions*



The Prodigal

Needed a...

- **New Start**
- **New Perspective**
- **New Song**

The Father had a...

...Releasing Love (12-13)

- ❑ **He Realized that His Son had...**
...Lost Reality
- ❑ **He Realized that He had to Allow Him to...**
...Discover What was Real
- ❑ **He had to Trust God and Circumstances**
...to Send Him Back

“God will not Force Stewardship”

The Father had a...

...Restoring Love (20b-21)

- **Saw afar off** -he never stopped looking
- **Compassion** -*bowels yearn -strongest word*
- **Ran**
 - Law considered him **dead**
 - Law allowed stoning –had to hit Dad 1st
- **Fell** -*to seize, embrace*
- **Kissed** –present tense; kept on kissing

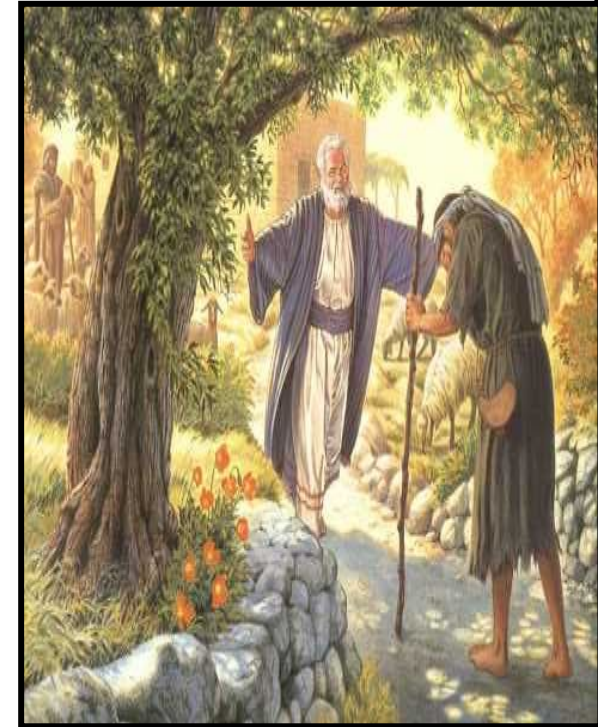
“When you take the 1st Step Toward Him...”

The Father had a...

...Restoring Love (22)

- ❑ **Robe represents Purity**
 - **Cover the Stains /Scars of the Far Country**
 - **Represents Son-ship / Honor**
- ❑ **Ring represents Privilege**
 - **Moved to Position of Authority**
- ❑ **Shoes represents Position**
 - **Elevated Above Servant to Son**

“God will Restore...”



4. The Father had a...

...Rejoicing Love (23)

- **Feast** -*killed the fatted calf*
- **Favor** -*reconciled to full acceptance*
- **From Spiritual Poverty...**
...Back to Stewardship



Don't Be Afraid to Come to the

Father

He Wants to Welcome You!!!



