



RECOVERING FROM BAD CHOICES.

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Luke 15:11-24 New King James Version

- **The Parable of the Lost Son**
- **¹¹ Then He said: “A certain man had two sons.**
- **¹² And the younger of them said to *his* father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me.*’ So he divided to them *his* livelihood.**
- **¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.**

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- **¹⁴ But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.**
- **¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.**
- **¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*.**

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- **¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!’**
- **¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,**
- **¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”**

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- **20 “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.**
- **21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’**

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- **22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet.**
- **23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry;**
- **24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.**

Proverbs 6:30-31 King James Version (KJV)

- ³⁰ Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
- ³¹ But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Satan is the thief.

1. Satan is the thief. When we catch him, he will be required to restore seven times as much as what he stole from us.
2. Rejoicing over this promise moves us into a place of rest.

RECOVERY From Bad Choices

Luke 15:25-32

- **Covering**
- **Identification**
- **Direction**
- **Investment**

Closing & Prayer