

*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. 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*

Luke 15:11-

# Prodigal Lives

You can have a prodigal life by:

## ➤ A “safety in numbers” philosophy

- It is so easy to succumb to societal gravity
- Solomon gives a warning (Proverbs 1:8-19)
- Who do you “follow”? (Exodus 23:2)

## ➤ Choosing the wrong sources for advice

- Age is valuable when life’s challenges come (Proverbs 3:1-5)
- Case study: King Rehoboam (1 Kings 12:1-14)



# Prodigal Lives



You can have a prodigal life by:

## ➤ Failing to properly manage your sexual inclinations

- We need to understand the place for the fulfillment of our desires (Prov. 5:15-18)
- Without wisdom we are vulnerable to failure in this area (Prov. 7:6-23)
- If you struggle in this area then life will be a struggle!

## ➤ Choosing to sit still rather than to move

- If you do, you will be caught off guard! (Prov. 6:6-11)
- If a man does not work neither shall he eat! (2 Thess. 3:10)

# Prodigal Lives



You can have a prodigal life by:

## ➤ Maintaining an angry disposition

- Be sure that you “be angry and sin not” (Eph. 4:26)
- Success in this area is underrated (Prov. 14:29; 16:32; 19:11)

## ➤ Being addicted to the wrong things

- Be sure you are attracted by the right things (Titus 2:14)
- One who “gets wasted” is in grave danger (Prov. 20:1; 23:29-33)



*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.’*

*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.*

Luke 15:20-24