

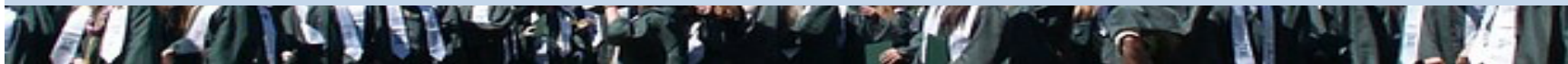
WISDOM FOR GRADUATES

LUKE 15:11-24

You have achieved a great goal! – Where will you go from here?
You Have received help from :



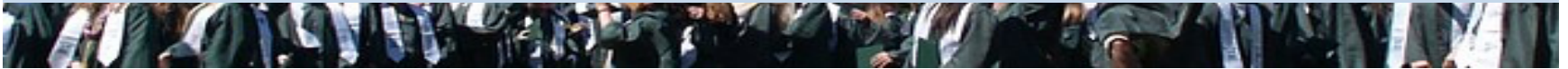
Most of all from the God who gives you life, ability to achieve, or
any good thing you have.



Suggestions From The Prodigal Son Story

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR ATTITUDE

- **Initial attitude of the son -- REBELLIOUS, SELFISH, SELF-CENTERED, I-DON'T-NEED ANYONE -TELLING -ME-WHAT-TO-DO kind of ATTITUDE.**
- **Give me what is mine and leave me alone>**
- **End result of this kind of attitude – A spiritual and physical pigpen.**



IF YOUR ATTITUDE IS WRONG?

- *NO DAY will ever be SUNNY ENOUGH!**
- *NO MATERIAL POSSESSION will ever be SATISFYING ENOUGH!**
- *NO BOSS will ever be FAIR ENOUGH!**
- *NO JOB will ever be REWARDING ENOUGH!**
- *NO VEHICLE will ever be NICE ENOUGH!**
- *NO PRAISE will ever be ADEQUATE ENOUGH!**
- *AND NO RELATIONSHIP will ever be FULFILLING ENOUGH!**



A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE

- TOWARD HIMSELF – V. 17, 18, 19
- TOWARD HOME – V. 17, 18
- TOWARD HIS FATHER – V. 17, 18
- TOWARD GOD – V. 18



IF YOUR ATTITUDE IS RIGHT?

- **NO MOUNTAIN** will ever be too **HIGH!**
- **NO OBSTACLE** will ever be too **BIG!**
- **NO GOAL** will ever be too **UN-ATTAINABLE!**
- **NO DREAM** will ever be too **IMPOSSIBLE!**
- **NO CHALLENGE** will ever be too **GREAT!**
- **NO SITUATION** will ever be too **HOPELESS!**



Suggestions From The Prodigal Son Story

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF YOUR FAITH

- Initial faith was in himself, possessions, fun (reckless living)
- He believed in total independence from the things that had made his life great.
- He believed he knew more than his dad.
- He believed that if he could make his own decisions apart from all those who had helped him growing up, life would be great.
- The end result of this faith – the spiritual and physical pigpen.

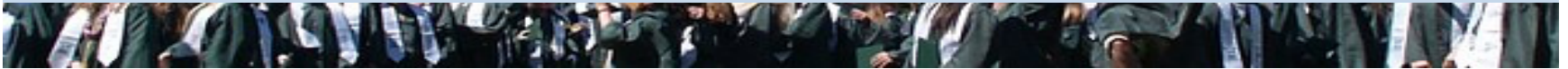
A CHANGE IN FAITH

- TOWARD HIS POSITION AT HOME
- TOWARD HIS BEHAVIOR
- TOWARD HIS FATHER
- TOWARD GOD



Suggestions From The Prodigal Son Story

- **DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF YOUR CHOICES**
- A SERIES OF BAD CHOICES:
 - The CHOICE to leave the love and care of his father.
 - The CHOICE to indulge in a sinful, rebellious lifestyle.
 - The CHOICE to forsake his godly beliefs.
 - The CHOICE to waste his inheritance money instead of investing it.



A CHANGE IN CHOICES

- I WILL ARISE...
- I WILL GO...
- I WILL SAY...
- **PROVERBS 16:3 – “Commit to the LORD whatever you do and your plans will succeed.”**
- The prodigal (wasteful) son became an honored guest.



WISDOM FOR GRADUATES

- **BE WISE** when it comes to choosing your **HABITS!**
- **BE WISE** when it comes to choosing your **FRIENDS!**
- **BE WISE** when it comes to choosing your **CAREER PATH!**
- **BE WISE** when it comes to choosing your **MATE!**



WISDOM FOR GRADUATES

- ❖ DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF YOUR ATTITUDE
- ❖ DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF YOUR FAITH
- ❖ DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF YOUR CHOICES

