

JUNE 18, 2017 | STEVE NORBY

## Introduction

Prodigal - recklessly EXTRAVAGANT, one who spends EVERYTHING.

## The Father's Experience Luke 15:11-32

- I. The father experienced REJECTION by the younger son.
  - The younger son illustrates the human condition after the FALL of man; ALL have rejected our heavenly Father. Isaiah 53:6a
- II. The father experienced the RESENTMENT of the elder son.
  - The elder son illustrates the good deeds must flow from a desire to PLEASE God, not APPEASE God. I Corinthians 10:31

## The Father's Response

The father in this parable demonstrated no RETALIATION.

## The Father's Heart Revealed

The father, who represents God, was willing to SPEND EVERYTHING for his sons. John 3:16

### Question

Have you ever thought of God as a "PRODIGAL," a reckless spender?

1. The father RAN to meet his wayward son illustrating the HEART of God towards those who come to Him from a wayward life.
2. The father poured his love on the son BEFORE he had a chance to ask for forgiveness. This demonstrates that God's love for you is UNCONDITIONAL.
  - God the Father is on the LOOKOUT for the heart that turns to Him.
3. The father gave His repentant son His IDENTITY (robe), His AUTHORITY (ring) & His PROTECTION (sandals).
  - God the Father gives these same gifts to you, if you come to Him with a REPENTANT heart through FAITH in Jesus.
4. To the elder son, the father promised that ALL I have is yours.

**Conclusion:** God wants to CONNECT with you. He is willing to go to great lengths to be in relationship with you.

## GRACEPOINT PRESCHOOL

GracePoint Preschool has two job openings! If you or someone you know is interested in a Tuesday/Thursday teaching position or a Monday/Wednesday/Friday teacher's aide position, more information can be found at [gracepointpreschool.weebly.com](http://gracepointpreschool.weebly.com), click on "employment opportunities."

## FRUIT FUNDRAISER

If you would like to order from our fruit fundraiser, the money raised goes to support Oasis (GracePoint's college/young adult ministry). For more information regarding the varieties of fruit & the cost please pick up an info sheet at the Info Center or contact Amber Hobbie ([info@gracepointwesleyan.org](mailto:info@gracepointwesleyan.org)). Feel free to spread the word! The first deadline to order is TOMORROW, June 19.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, June 25

Pastor Aaron will be leading a Membership Class on Sunday, June 25 at 11:15 a.m. in Room 220. Please sign-up for this class at the Info Center or by contacting the church office, 692-6671 or [info@gracepointwesleyan.org](mailto:info@gracepointwesleyan.org).