I. Luke 15:11-24

- A. **V12** Asks for his portion of inheritance
 - 1. **Portion** *meros* Division or share, allotment; part in contrast to a whole.
 - 2. <u>Goods</u> *ousia* Substance, property, wealth, riches
 - 3. **Falls** *epiballo* To come to belong by right or inheritance
 - 4. <u>Divided</u> diacres Distribute on basis of implied distinctions
 - 5. **Livelihood** *bios* Life, resources one has; possessions
 - 6. **Rom 12:6** 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:
 - 7. **Eph 1:18** 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the *riches* of the glory of His inheritance *in the saints*,
- B. <u>V13</u> Chooses the gift over the Giver
 - 1. **Prodigal** asotos Lacking restraint, excessive, senseless, reckless living; to live without thinking.
 - 2. <u>Wasted</u> *diaskorpizo* To dissipate or separate; to squander. Spread thin or scatter; gradually vanish; spend foolishly and to no purpose.
- C. <u>V14</u> Lack of supply leads to inferior life
 - 1. **Spent all** Spend completely, uselessly; nothing left
 - 2. **Began** archomai To commence, initiate an action, process or state of being.
 - 3. <u>In want</u> *hustereo* To fall short, be deficient, to be inferior
 - 4. **Severe famine** Scarcity of food
 - 5. "In want" To be inferior, mediocre, lower degree or status
- D. <u>V15</u> Joins himself to the wrong crowd
 - 1. **Joined** *kollao* To glue, stick or cling to
 - a) <u>Matt 19:5</u> 5 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be <u>joined</u> to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
- E. <u>V16</u> Son reaches rock bottom
 - 1. <u>Pods</u> *keration* Food for cattle or pigs; in times of distress were the nourishment of the very poorest of people.
- F. **V17** Comes to himself
 - 1. **Came to himself** He remembered who he was and "whose" he was.
- G. **V18-19** Declares his intentions
 - 1. <u>I will arise</u> *anistemi* To stand up; to rise up in open defiance of authority and overthrow it or act in opposition to its demands.
- H. **V20** Father's heart revealed
 - 1. <u>Compassion</u> *splagchnizomai* To be moved inwardly with affection. Love, sympathy and compassion.
 - 2. <u>Fell</u> *epipipto* To embrace with affection; to seize
 - 3. **<u>Kissed him</u>** Sign of affection and reconciliation.
- I. <u>V21-24</u> Father's intentions override the son's
 - 1. **Bring out the best robe** THE principal robe; The righteousness of Jesus

- a) Zech 3:4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."
- b) <u>Isa 61:10</u> 10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
- 2. **Put a ring on his hand** Signet ring as a sign of a member of the family; Restored authority, Wealth, dignity and honor.
- 3. **Sandals on his feet** Restore his walk
 - a) **Eph 6:15** 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- **4. Bring the fatted calf** Celebration not a funeral procession
 - a) He came just wanting a meal the father threw him a feast

II. APPLICATION:

- A. Are you trying to decide how to use what God has given you without His guidance?
- B. Are you living an inferior life than what God intended for you?
- C. Have you joined yourself to the wrong people/thoughts? Reached rock bottom?
- D. Have you forgotten who you are and whose you are?

Е.	Get up from where you are and come back to your Father. He's waiting with open arms for you!					