

## What's Holding You Back?

Past, Present, and Future - (# 1)

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OPENING SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103:1-22

KEY VERSE: Psalm 103:12

TEXT: Luke 15:1-2 and Luke 15:11-19

KEY VERSE: Luke 15:24

[Luke 15:24](#) For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Dealing with our past is easier with God's help.

1) Social \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Financial \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Personal \_\_\_\_\_.

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was dead,  
and is alive again;  
he was lost,  
and is found.  
And they began  
to be merry.  
(Luke 15:24)**

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**Jesus Christ  
is the answer  
in every situation.**

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**God loves us and wants  
only the best for us.**

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**For I know the thoughts  
that I think toward you,  
saith the LORD,  
thoughts of peace,  
and not of evil,  
to give you an expected end.  
(Jeremiah 29:11)**

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**Dealing with our past  
is easier  
with God's help.**

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**1) Social Perception.**

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**1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.  
2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying,  
This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.  
(Luke 15:1-2)**

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**The scriptures are true  
and they tell us  
something  
we must remember.**

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**For all have sinned,  
and come short of the glory of God;  
(Romans 3:23)**

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**Instead of  
finding faults in others,  
we must examine  
our own heart.**

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**References:**  
**Matthew 7:3-5**

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**The tendency may be to  
“judge a book  
by its cover,”  
but we must not.**

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**If ye fulfil the royal law  
according to the scripture,  
Thou shalt love thy neighbor  
as thyself, ye do well:  
(James 2:8)**

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**When we realize  
that our sin has caused  
unpleasant things  
in our life,  
we need to remember  
Pharaoh in Egypt.**

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**Then Pharaoh called  
for Moses and Aaron in haste;  
and he said, I have sinned  
against the LORD your God,  
and against you.  
(Exodus 10:16)**

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- 1) Social Perception.**
- 2) Financial Woes.**

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**And when he had spent all,  
there arose a mighty famine  
in that land;  
and he began to be in want.  
(Luke 15:14)**

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**Sometimes people  
will use money,  
or the lack thereof,  
as an excuse  
for not getting  
their life right.**

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**If you are going  
to use money,  
you must not  
abuse money.**

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**If you want  
your finances  
to be blessed  
you must obey  
God's financial rules.**

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**Tithe**

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**And all the tithe of the land,  
whether of the seed of the land,  
or of the fruit of the tree,  
is the LORD'S:  
it is holy unto the LORD.  
(Leviticus 27:30)**

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**Save**

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**References:**  
***Genesis 41:35-36***

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**But lay up for yourselves  
treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth  
nor rust doth corrupt,  
and where thieves  
do not break through nor steal:  
(Matthew 6:20)**

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**Pay your bills.**

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**Owe no man any thing,  
but to love one another:  
for he that loveth another  
hath fulfilled the law.  
(Romans 13:8)**

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**Give to others  
in their time of need.**

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**But whoso hath this world's good,  
and seeth his brother have need,  
and shutteth up his  
bowels of compassion from him,  
how dwelleth the love of God in him?  
(1 John 3:17)**

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**When we realize  
that our sin  
has been discovered  
and God is telling us  
what to do,  
we need to  
remember Saul.**

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**Then he said, I have sinned:  
yet honour me now, I pray thee,  
before the elders of my people,  
and before Israel,  
and turn again with me,  
that I may worship the LORD thy God.  
(1 Samuel 15:30)**

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1) **Social Perception.**  
2) **Financial Woes.**  
3) **Personal Circumstances.**

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**And he would fain have filled his belly  
with the husks that the swine did eat:  
and no man gave unto him.  
(Luke 15:16)**

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**If your breakfast,  
lunch and dinner  
is pig slop,  
it is past time  
to examine your life.**

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**If where  
you find yourself,  
is not  
where you  
want or need to be,  
then begin  
by turning  
to the Lord.**

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***References:***  
***Luke 15:17-20***

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**It is time we returned  
unto the Lord.**

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**Let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts:  
and let him return unto the LORD,  
and he will have mercy upon him;  
and to our God,  
for he will abundantly pardon.  
(Isaiah 55:7)**

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**If my people,  
which are called by my name,  
shall humble themselves, and pray,  
and seek my face,  
and turn from their wicked ways;  
then will I hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sin,  
and will heal their land.  
(2 Chronicles 7:14)**

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**When we realize that  
our secret sin  
is not hidden from God,  
we need to remember  
King David.**

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**And David said unto Nathan,  
I have sinned against the LORD.  
And Nathan said unto David,  
The LORD also hath put away thy sin;  
thou shalt not die.  
(2 Samuel 12:13)**

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**Everyone needs  
the Savior.**

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**For all have sinned,  
and come short of the glory of God;  
(Romans 3:23)**

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**We earn death  
through sin,  
we are given life  
by grace.**

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**For the wages of sin is death;  
but the gift of God is eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23)**

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**Remain  
humble and faithful.**

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**For I say,  
through the grace given unto me,  
to every man that is among you,  
not to think of himself more highly  
than he ought to think;  
but to think soberly,  
according as God hath dealt  
to every man the measure of faith.  
(Romans 12:3)**

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***Concluding Scripture:*  
Psalm 51:1-4**

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