

COME TO YOUR SENSES

1 Tim 6: 17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

“I WILL NOT TRUST IN RICHES BUT IN HIM WHO RICHLY PROVIDES”

Billy Graham: “if a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of his life.”

How Did He Get There?

(Luke 15:11-16) “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

✓ **He believed a lie.**

(Proverbs 16:18) Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

✓ **He developed a self-destructive behavior.**

The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’

(Proverbs 14:12 MSG) There's a way of life that looks harmless enough; look again—it leads straight to hell.

✓ **He isolate himself from help.**

Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

(Proverbs 18:1 ESV) Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

✓ **He's in a dark place.**

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(Psalm 88:8 TLB) You have made my friends to loathe me, and they have gone away. I am in a trap with no way out.

(Psalm 34:18 GN) The Lord is near to those who are discouraged; he sees those who have lost all hope.

(1 Corinthians 10:13 MSG) All you need to remember is that **God will never let you down**; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.

Here's How You Get Out!

(Luke 15:17) “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him. When he saw him he was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

1. **Admit where you are.**

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2. **Develop a plan.**

I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

3. **Do it now.**

So he got up and went to his father.

(2 Corinthians 6:2) I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

4. **Ask your Father for help.**

The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

(1 Peter 5:5-7) “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.