



LIVING WATERS MINISTRIES

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Prodigal Sons and Daughters (Rebellious & Backslidden)

What the World has to Offer the Rebellious & Backslidden – The Curse of the Law – What Sin Will Do For You

Scriptural Examples For The Rebellious and Backslidden:

Heb 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy ((the pleasures of sin)) for a season...

Sinful Seasons and the Pleasures of Sin are always SHORTER AND MORE COSTLY than people want them to be...when we are enjoying ourselves. The what the Bible says about your sinful ways:

God's Warnings & Interactions.....

Numbers 32:23b..... be sure your sin will find you out.

Proverbs 13:15b the way of transgressors is hard.

Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption

Acts 9:5bit is hard for thee to kick against the pricks (to go against the will of God).

Ecc. 11:9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Jer 2:19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear (the fear or reverence of God) is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

What Draws Them Away?? - Satan Has A Weapon To Get Men Off Track...

1John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

The Lust of the Flesh! - The Lust of the Eyes! - The Pride of Life!

Mk. 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Notice in the above two Scripture passages that the root of sin is caused by "LUST!"

This means that the heart is not right before God.

Gen. 3:6 And when the woman ((saw)) that the tree was good for food, and that it was ((pleasant to the eyes)), and a tree ((to be desired - to make one wise)), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat...

James 1:15 Then when "LUST" hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Scripture Story Example:

Luke 15:11-24 And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

First of all the sin of COVETOUSNESS (LUST) is the spirit which drives the prodigal son out of the house....in rebellion. No doubt if he had talked to his worldly friends they told him of another life (a stranger's calling Jn. 10:5) in the cities whose sinful culture and imaginations would support all his desires! I believe this outline could contain the answers for your young person or for the struggling parents. Please read and prayerfully consider. We welcome any and all prayer requests in regards to your family needs. Please contact the LWMORG ministry prayer staff...for assistances.

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Secondly, I believe that if the prodigal son had these friends they told him to look for those who he can join to, or he can settle among, who desire to live the same lifestyle as his wrong desires have dictated to him. The Prodigal son is not a person who is in control or in discipline over his imaginations and unclean desires, wrong desires...he is out of control...I am speaking of Jesus having Lordship over your human

spirit (governing you over sinful desires – with the Lord’s right desires). We are told from Scripture that *true Christians are given the Fruit of the Spirit*...one of these are TEMPERENCE (which is the Holy Spirit’s Lordship over our human spirit – and over sinful desires).

Galatians 5:23b ... temperance: against such there is no law.

The Prodigal son wants his inheritance (resources to make his plans come true) from his Father *so he can live out another calling*—and not the calling that was given to him *by his heavenly Father* of which supplies sustenance which is the inheritance of God which comes by following in the foot steps of the legacy which comes by following the Lord’s directed vocation for his life. Notice the Devil didn’t give him anything but a false path...the devil is a thief because he is bankrupt. The Father went along with the son’s bad judgment knowing it was wrong. Why? To let the son learn a divine lesson about being out of God’s will. Afterwards, when son learns it is an irreplaceable life lesson. What the Father could not convince his son of, was the very thing that God wanted changed in the prodigal’s life. What needed changing was living for “SELF.”

Luke 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. Following God’s desires for one’s life is irreplaceable...since one is called to an individual calling which is “special” in the service of God (in God’s mind, design, and will) for a person’s life.

Not one person can follow in the path of God’s desires and calling (fulfilling them) without first addressing the point of coming to a total *abandonment* of the “Self” life.

Parental Authority - The Witness (On Track With God?)

Parents cannot averse *rebellion*, there is *no bribe* that can *change* what is either there in the heart or not. The Parent *is the second witness* in the young person’s life while the first is the young person’s conscience. The word conscience means: with knowledge of right and wrong. This is in every young person...

Romans 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another ...

Therefore the because the witness of the conscience is *never silent* in the testimony of *going the right way* which is prescribed by God Word, *the young person knows when they are doing wrong!*

Parents have been set in the lives of their sons and daughters as *the second witness* to keep them in the Will of the Father God. So as the job of the parents is to always follow the Lord and His Word and carry out admonition and lay out Bible examples toward the following of the Lord for the young person, the Holy Spirit then convinces the young person of wrong doing (this is called chastening) and right doing – a God pleasing live which will honor the Lord. The fact is that young people make a lot of mistakes in their judgments...yet we need to be willing to let them experience their fall if we are ever to see them come to the right stance. The less condemning we do in the lives of our young people, the better and as parents the more praying we do for them the better. Of course I am not saying here to compromise what needs to be said or laid out as guidance, only that youth associate their parent’s words as always connected *with the mega message of the heart* “of their wrong choices *being condemned.*” The youth need to be held up by the parents and continual given encouragement *so they will develop spiritual confidence and rightness toward the Lord.* Parents can never replace the Holy Spirit nor can they convince the young person more than He. The Parent has a unique place in the plan of God for the young person giving them *overseeing, wise counsel, training, and Prophetic direction...*and *utterance and blessing* that no one can replace. Parents are worthy of honor from their young person. Honor here is hinged on the one side and on the other side are the benefits to the young person of *a long life...well pleasing to the Lord!*

Eph 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Col 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

1John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God ((abideth for ever)).

There is an anointing upon the Parent to speak *special words* into the life of their young person that no one else can do. Yes, others may speak encouragement but no can take the place of the Parent, NO ONE! To deny this is to deny the appointment of the Lord and the anointing which He has place upon the Parent *which is over the young person to oversee them in the ways of the Lord...*and even beyond this

prophetically! I am speaking here of the *God-given utterance* that is only given to the Parents from the Lord. This is why the Scripture is clear above when it comes to *the Parent speaking into the life of the young person*.

The loving discipline of the Parent is the desire of God in them to steer the young person - keeping them lined up with God's will (God's Word) in their lives. There are consequences for sin and so with the parent there is *a divine instinct toward protection*. Loving Christian Parents are much different from those in the world and the ungodly dealings that the world dish out (their ways of handling things are cruel) to their own children. 'Lust' here *from the unclean heart* that is not right with God is the main factor. If the parent cannot steer the young person away from *the heart lust toward sin* by showing them the loving of the Savior and the Cross - in saving people from the consequences of sin which is (((destructive))), (if) a person *doesn't listen to God's Word and Holy Spirit in their conscience any longer* and knowing that God has given a Free Will to every person and *every soul shall give account on the Day of Judgement...* the

only thing loving Parents can do is pray for their son or daughters to **return to God**. We recommend "Pleading the Blood of Jesus over them for protection, and intercession to be may continually for them!!!

If possible, this information about the direction their going may be able to help turn them!

Eating From The Pigsty Restaurant –

The Devil says, "You Like? Yummy Pig Food!"

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have ((filled his belly with the husks (pods) that the swine did eat)): and no man gave unto him(the selfishness that is in the world has little compassion for their own).

Not being a residence of that county, not knowing or being experienced with it's culture certainly made the prodigal son *become a prey to those around him*. Yet sin makes people *blind* and as they go on *without the guidance of God Spirit and Word* in their lives they must lean heavily upon those around them *for counsel*. Such counsel was coming from those who naturally experiment with trial and error...yet all *in rebellion* and *backslidden* are *led by the spirit of error* and are *outside the plan and will of God*. How sad that the prodigal *couldn't see* the direction and path he was taking on was the path that leads toward destruction. ...

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

2Tim. 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him AT HIS WILL.

The Prey And The Snare Of The Devil

Our sins can bring us into CAPTIVITY - SLAVERY! Satan's plan is to put out a lure...place bait in front of a person. Satan does this to snare people into sin through catching them through a person's sinful desires. If someone's heart is not right with God...Satan has no problem in bringing this person into bondage or slavery. When a person goes for the bait they become snared by their own sin and become captive by it!

2Pet. 2:19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption (of sin): for of whom a man is overcome (by his sin), of the same is he brought in bondage(becoming the slave to his sin).

Gal. 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (in slavery to your sins).

The sins that we enter into are the same ones that enslave us. Normally sinners think that they can walk in the path of sin without being enslaved, but this is not true. People are told by Satan that they have enough Will power to keep from being a slave, but Satan knows that when the bait is taken he then has a hook in their jaw...and can pull them AT HIS OWN WILL!

Advise For Handling The Rebellious Prodigals

2Tim. 2:24-25 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that (((oppose themselves))); if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth

I believe there is great insight here for the parents of these Prodigals. First of all not to strive with the Prodigal. We see this in the Story of the Prodigal son and the way his parent handles him. Secondly, we must understand that the Prodigal is doing harm to no one except for himself. After all the Prodigal is totally out of the Will of God here, and there are consequences for his sin.(Sins have a Wage)

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death (spiritual death)

The Prodigals own sins here will reprove him, for this is the way God works...it is a spiritual law!

Thirdly, parents need to pray that the Prodigal's eyes will be opened to the truth. The prayer of the parents are that the Prodigal will be given from God (find or discover) a spirit of repentance toward God (the spirit of error contrasted with the Spirit of Truth) to the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of God's truth in their lives. Once in fact the prodigal finds this Spirit of Repentance...the journey is over...finding truth...acknowledging the truth here is discovering the spirit of error which misled him to begin with and the Spirit of Truth is acknowledged as the prodigal humbles himself before God for his sin! [Once the prodigal comes to his own vomit (his sins)... looks at the pig food...sees where he has gone to (in his sin)... and the cost for his sins are too much to bare(he stops lying to himself)... he decides to listen to his conscience (the first witness) taking the path back to God for himself...through repentance.]

The Cruel And Godless World

The world is very a cruel place to live in, and life can be short. When the Prodigal son rejected the discipline of a LOVING FATHER who cared for him and his Father had his best interests in mind because the Father had to give an account to God for raising his son, then the prodigal son *came under the unloving discipline of an godless man* who employed him *who didn't care if he lived or died*.

The godless employer of the Prodigal was just using the son as a servant to raise pigs which at the time illegal! Satan always wants carry prodigals (the disobedient before God- giving themselves as slaves to their own sins) to the edge in his effort to promote his kingdom of darkness.

The Father had a Covenant with God (in contrast) the employer was a heathen or pagan whose value for life was less than righteous before God. The prodigal placed his ownself in this live or die position or circumstances because he was *rejecting God's own calling on his life* for his UNCLEAN LUSTS AND DESIRES! **THE BOTTOM LINE OF SATAN IS THE SLAVERY AND BONDAGE WHICH COMES TO THE PRODIGAL'S LIFE BECAUSE OF HIS SIN!**

2Timothy 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me (and forsaken God), having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

2Pet. 2:22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to ((his own vomit)) again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Even Paul the Apostle had a spiritual son that left *after the lust of this present world...and was forsaking God and his calling*. We never hear again about Demas after this, maybe he returned to his senses coming back to the high call of God in his life and getting his heart right, but Scripture doesn't tell us. (We are left with this question.)

Godly And Worldly Sorrow

2Corin. 7:9; 7:11 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter (true repentance).

Godly sorrow for our sins is the only way back to God. Judas the Bible says has a worldly sorrow that didn't yield in surrender toward the Lord in repentance. We know that the outcome of that was that he took his own life. Everyone who sins before God is convicted by the agent of God, the Holy Spirit, to bring us to repent and be cleansed in our heart before the Lord, acknowledging our sins by confessing them before God. A brokenness over our sins is required before for forgiveness. This brokenness is call a contrite heart or spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can bring this about...this is the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Our part is to seek for forgiveness...for His mercy...by faith.

Ps 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be(((of))) a contrite spirit.

Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

The Chastening Mercy Called "The Bit!"

Finally God's chastening hand catches up to the prodigal son. A famine is sent by God to stop the son—it is an act of God's mercy to awaken and warn the son of his coming judgment for being outside the will of God. God wants to show the prodigal the futility of living a life without being in His Will, so He sends all around the prodigal circumstances that are outside of the prodigal's control which do not cooperate with his

desires and place him in hardship.

Psalms 32:9 Be ye not as the (dumb) horse, or as the (dumb) mule, which have no understanding (these animals have not the Holy Spirit nor the interaction which comes from having a real relationship with the living God): whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle (the act of mercy – which is to restrain someone from near judgment and destruction), lest they come near unto thee.

God has a way of chastening us by putting our backs against the wall (((due to our sin))). When He does so...He is placing a BIT in our mouths out of His Love, Compassion, and Mercy... to pull us out of harms way (judgment) because of our own sins. Went the Lord places a BIT in the prodigal mouth He is drawing him away from his sins....showing him before hand (seeing sure judgment)what his sins are about to cost him.

KNOW THAT GOD'S MERCY HAS COME TO YOU...TO DELIVER YOU...(HIS MERCY IS SPEAKING TO YOU TO REPENT AND RETURN)

Rom. 11:22 (((Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God)))

Rom. 2:4b ... not knowing that (((the goodness of God))) leadeth thee to repentance?

The Heart Bent Toward “Lust”

All Fallen men have desires toward uncleanness, thought, word, and deed, these are called unclean desires. The Prodigal's desires for the world (the pig food) represents the inward sin nature and desires toward sin. Lust after the world is caused by ones heart not being right toward God!

The Prodigal's desires led him to the trough of this world(the Pig Trough) to eat with unregenerate humanity which have blinded by their sin. Jesus said there is a selfish spirit in unsaved humanity and the backslidden which first was in Satan.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience

Because the Prodigal had reverted back to these base desires of “SELF,”he therefore was following his own unclean desires which in origin were from Satan. Humans sins always starts here...with unclean“Self-desires.” Self-desires which come from this origin...reverting back to the desired of a base sinful nature which shows a hunger toward uncleanness is expressed here in the Prodigal's direction, and action of heart! It was only when the Prodigal realized his motives were unclean before God in the Pigsty...seeing his unclean desires toward the Pig food that he came to his senses and turned back toward God in repentance! HE ATE A BELLY FULL OF PODS (COBS) AND THEN REALIZED HIS CONDITION!

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

The Witness Of Peace, Stability, And Blessings From Being In God's Will

All parents want their prodigal children to come back to God for the right reasons. Here God is using the circumstances to chasten (USING PRODIGAL'S OWN BACKSLIDINGS AGAINST HIM) to bring the son back to Himself. First the son is looking at all the PEACE, STABILITY, BLESSINGS to his father which has come from his Covenant relationship with God in being in His will.

The benefits of being in God's Will, the Peace of God, STABILITY and BLESSING being with his Parents were probably the most important spiritual benefits to the Prodigal. When the Prodigal was out on his own being out of the Will of God he never could get inner Peace, he was frazzled, and worn down, tired out because he had no peace with God.

The World Passing Away Due To Sin.....

The contrast and shocker here is that his friends probably told him that the benefits which came from God in his father's household weren't as abundant as out in the world. (God is a withholder) He hadn't thought through being out of God's Will and the lack of Peace by following the fallen world. He was focusing on the “riches of Egypt” (the world) but notice that now those riches are fleeting it is a time of famine...(the world is passing away and the “LUST” thereof) THE WORLD AND SIN ISN'T LOOKING SO GOOD ANYMOREthe world now is starving because it wasn't following after God...hearing His Will to store grain against the famine, etc.. No, the world is known for its selfishness and waste of abundance on whatever its (((desires))) may be. Here we see that the Prodigal son listen to their *philosophy* and spent it

ALL, but now he is in trouble for listening to those who knew not the Lord!

I am reminded of the story of Joseph where he hear from the Lord and became second highest in the kingdom of Egypt due to his relationship with the Lord and his abilities to hear from God in

((preserving))) this nation having the Lord's foresight and followed obediently after His plan.

The Prodigal left Preservation behind him when he left the Lord...only humility now can bring him the Lord's mercy for his sin...

The Prodigal hadn't considered...what he was compromising and losing...

Proverbs 15:16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith..

Proverbs 16:8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

Sin always costs something. The wages of sin is death. Destruction started to take its toll upon him.

Now we see the prodigal in trouble, and this trouble turns him back toward God in repentance.

Repentance took action so he arose...and came back to his father and back to the will of God above.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Notice here that his father isn't angry, but forgiving, affectionate, and has a Spirit of Restoration toward his son. The Father is seeking, looking for the Prodigal son's return. When the Father sees his son's repentance, *that Spirit of Restoration now acts to restore*. We see how "LOW" this son of his father had sunk. *The backslidden are more vile and spiritually debased than regular sinners because they have known the way...and then forsook it!* Such was the case and the son returns showing the outcome of what the RAVAGES OF SIN will do to a person in the world. When we see the Prodigal here he represents physically on the outside *what is really truly the inside (his present spiritually state) before repentance*. The son comes home tattered spiritually because of his sins, but he repents before God. *This means he turned back to God and (((gave his total life to God)))*.

All We Have Acquired For Our Journey Away From God

The prodigal son had no decent clothes to wear, they were about to fall off of him, he had no shoes for his feet, the ones who left with were brand new but now they are worn away- torn – and in pieces – about to fall right off his feet altogether – he could barely make it home over the rough terrain. This son hasn't eaten for quit sometime, (((his last meal was the one he was going to eat with the pigs))). TAKE A REAL GOOD LOOK HERE BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT HE GOT FOR FOLLOWING THIS WORLD AND HIS OWN UNCLEAN DESIRES AND LUST! THE WORLD THE BIBLE SAYS IS (((UNDER THE CURSE OF THE LAW))) WHICH SAYS:

Deut 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these (((curses))) shall come upon thee, and (((overtake))) thee (the curse list goes on, and on)...

Life unfolds for the disobedient and rebellious!...people who don't know God call it Murphy's Law...it is the Curse of the Law!

The Prodigal son returned and was restored to God and his Father.

Promises From God To The Parents Of The Prodigals

Know first that God is always faithful to His Word. Enter into the rest of Faith...trusting Him for their return to God and you the Parent.

Prov. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Jerm. 31:16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for THY WORK SHALL BE REWARDED, saith the LORD (PARENTS);

and they shall come again FROM THE LAND OF THE ENEMY.

17 And there is hope in thine end (YOUR FUTURE), saith the LORD,

that THY CHILDREN SHALL COME AGAIN TO THEIR OWN BORDERS....

Coming Back Home!

WANT TO COME BACK.....?

There is only one way to come back to God...

The Reference of God!!!!!! If you do you will acknowledge the following:

Not on your own terms...but His terms

Not in your own time....but His time which is NOW!

Not in your own way...but in His way.

It is time to bailout of your sinful and unclean self desires which are coming from your heart not being right with God.

God's prescribed reconciliation and restoration in your life comes by turning in REPENTANCE toward the Lord, confessing your sins, and receiving the Cross...the Savior Jesus Christ for deliverance! Come back to God!!!!!!RIGHT NOW! It isn't time to delay.

2Corin. 6:2b ...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him(ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S WAYS IN YOUR LIFE), and he shall direct thy paths(THROUGH THE BIBLE & THE HOLY SPIRIT).

End