

Luke 15:11-31

v12 – share	(noun)	a part of something that is allocated to a specific person
v12 – estate	(noun)	all the money and property someone leaves behind when they die
v12 – property	(noun)	things belonging to someone
v13 – distant	(adjective)	far away
v13 – squandered	(verb)	wasted; spent in a wasteful way
v13 – wild	(adjective)	uncontrolled
v14 – severe	(adjective)	very bad; intensely bad
v14 – famine	(noun)	a situation where there is not enough food and many people die as a result
v15 – citizen	(noun)	someone who is legally accepted as belonging to a country
v16 – pods	(noun)	the seed containers that grow on plants such as peas or beans
v17 – ‘came to his senses’		stopped being foolish and started showing good judgment
v17 – hired	(adjective)	employed; paid
v17 – starving	(adjective)	very hungry
v18 – sinned	(verb)	done what is wrong; done what God does not want you to do
v19 – worthy	(adjective)	deserving
v20 – compassion	(noun)	feeling of pity, sympathy and understanding for someone who is suffering
v22 – robe	(noun)	a loose piece of clothing that covers your whole body and reaches to the ground
v22 – sandals	(noun)	shoes that are secured to your feet by straps



v23 – calf	(noun)	a young cow
v23 – feast	(noun)	a large and special meal
v25 – meanwhile	(adverb)	while a particular thing is happening; at the same time as another event
v27 – ‘safe and sound’		alive and unharmed after being in danger
v28 – refused	(verb)	deliberately did not do something; unwilling to do something
v28 – pleaded	(verb)	asked in an intense, emotional way
v29 – slaving	(verb)	working very hard, like a slave (who doesn’t get any pay or reward)
v29 – orders	(noun)	instructions that must be obeyed
v29 – goat	(noun)	



v30 – prostitutes	(noun)	people who have sex with others in return for payment
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¹¹ Jesus continued, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger son spoke to his father. He said, 'Father, give me my share of the family property.' So the father divided his property between his two sons.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son packed up all he had. Then he left for a country far away. There he wasted his money on wild living. ¹⁴ He spent everything he had. Then the whole country ran low on food. So the son didn't have what he needed. ¹⁵ He went to work for someone who lived in that country. That person sent the son to the fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The son wanted to fill his stomach with the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "Then he began to think clearly again. He said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough food! But here I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go back to my father. I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven. And I have sinned against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer fit to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." ' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him. He was filled with tender love for his son. He ran to him. He threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattest calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ This son of mine was dead. And now he is alive again. He was lost. And now he is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "The older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants. He asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come home,' the servant replied. 'Your father has killed the fattest calf. He has done this because your brother is back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older brother became angry. He refused to go in. So his father went out and begged him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've worked like a slave for you. I have always obeyed your orders. You never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But this son of yours wasted your money with some prostitutes. Now he comes home. And for him you kill the fattest calf!'

³¹ " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me. Everything I have is yours.'

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