

***He who has ears to hear, let him hear.  
Matthew 11:15***

YOUNGER BROTHER

*13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand... 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.*

Matthew 13:13,16

*To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 13:11

1. We confuse our \_\_\_\_\_ for happiness

*11 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.*

Luke 15:11-13

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Luke 15:13

- ἀσώτως = wastefully, prodigally ["madness with no bounds"]

2. Our shame leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

*14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."'"*

Luke 15:14-19

3. Our worth is found in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.*

Luke 15:20-24