

## Words Men Want to Hear

### Luke 15:11-32 (NCV)

#### I. Encouraging words every man wants to hear.

- a. Your *accepted* and *loved* in spite of your *failure* or *successes*.
- b. These words will come from the *right understanding* of the Father.
- c. God's Promise to children who do not have an earthly father, or one involved on a day to bases and for women who do not have a husband. (Psalms 68:5, NLT); Isaiah 54:5, NLT2)
  - i. You have a Father you can go to 24 hours a day and He is never too busy; He always has the right answers.
  - ii. You have a Father Who can always provide and protect.
  - iii. The more you learn God's Words the more you will begin to know Him.
- d. Don't allow your worldly success and possession rob your rightful position and relationship with God and others. (Proverbs 6:34; 2 Corinthians 11:2)

#### II. A Father that understood.

- a. The one thing we need more than anything is the right *understanding*. (Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV))
- b. One of the hardest things to understand is when to let our children go enough to hurt where they can *learn and return*. (Luke 15:11-32, NCV)
- c. *Wealth without wisdom = Waste*. (Proverbs 16:16, MSG)

#### III. Results of the right understanding.

- a. The hurt is worth the help they get.
- b. You will know the hurts right when they know they sinned against God and you.
- c. Only lasting change and provision can come from the Father in heaven.
- d. *Priorities right with God* and *right position with God* brings the *power of God = Provisions of God*. (Matthew 6:33)

#### IV. The wrong response to Your Father comes from the wrong understanding.

- a. How we see our **relationship** with God greatly determines our **response** to Him and others.
- b. Do you obey God because you feel like a **saved slave** or do you obey Him because you feel like a **loved son or daughter?**
- c. Getting your priorities right and get in the right position your Father will then give you the provisions you need.
- d. Your Father in heaven wants you to be happy.