

# PRODIGAL

## Lesson 3

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Now that the younger son has spent all his money and now that the famine has come, success is out of the window, \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important thing. We see the limits of the options available to him in the decision he makes.

Luke 15:15 & 16 (NIV)

**<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.**

#### POSITION

The boy's position can be seen in verse 15 of the text. The KJV is more accurate to what Jesus intends. If Jesus wanted to use the word hired, He could have like He did in verse 17. The position of the younger son is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. He became a \_\_\_\_\_. "In poor societies some people are reduced to gluing themselves to people who can provide food or shelter." Examine: Luke 16:19-31.

#### PRIDE

The younger son did not go home at the first sign of trouble because of his \_\_\_\_\_. Pride is an excessively high opinion of oneself. Examine: Romans 12:3. Don't allow pride to keep you entangled in a situation longer than you need to be.

#### PREDICAMENT

The boy's pride put him in a difficult predicament. Do you see the irony in the story? He wanted independence and ends up under someone else's control. The difference is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Examine: Heb. 3:12 & 13. This citizen most likely relegates the boy to working with pigs \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. The boy \_\_\_\_\_

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### PIGS & PODS

Jesus wants the Pharisees to see the boy's situation through broken relationships and not \_\_\_\_\_ . Examine: 2 Corinthians 3:6. The boy has done nothing to break the letter of the law. \_\_\_\_\_ . The Pharisees would have been offended and upset about this part of parable but Jesus is showing them they keep the letter of the law but not the spirit of the law. Anytime people were reduced to eating carob pods, it is said the rabbis would tell the people \_\_\_\_\_ ! The boy knew it was time, not from what he learned in the far country, \_\_\_\_\_ . Don't stop praying. Don't stop preaching. Don't stop believing. They're hearing it.