

SPIRITUAL TASK—GETTING A SECOND CHANCE (Luke 15)

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Story Jesus told a parable about a father who had two sons. The younger son asked for his inheritance and went off on his own and wasted it on wild living. When he came to his senses he went back to his father pleading to be his hired servant. His father welcomed him back fully and openly as his son.

Meaning The meaning is clear: the Lord loves us more deeply and fully than we can imagine. Even when we are wasting our inheritance (the good gifts, talents and truths the Lord gives us) the Lord awaits the time when we will turn our lives around. When we do He rejoices because then all His good gifts can be received and bring us happiness.

Task Most likely there is an area of your life that you have not yet aligned with the way the Lord would have you live it. This week examine the hurt it has caused to keep this habit, recognize that it is not serving your eternal plan for happiness, pray to the Lord for help to give it up, and begin to live differently. The Lord will help you to do it if you want it!