

SPIRITUAL TASK—THE BOTTOM LINE (Luke 15)

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Story The Lord tells a parable of a man with two sons. The younger son wanted his inheritance so he could go off on his own away from his father. While gone he wasted his livelihood on wild living. In despair he came to his senses and went back home to his father where things got markedly better right away—better than anticipated.

Meaning When we live in good the Lord can be near offering us His protection and support. The result of this is that we can handle life—things are okay even if they are adverse in nature. When we choose to reject what is good and true we turn away from the Lord and even block Him from entering our lives more closely. The result is that we are left open and vulnerable to the attacks from the hells. When this is our life we are not happy, not peaceful, not content.

Task This week in all the choices you have to make ask yourself, “Can the Lord could be present in this?” Or “Will this shut Him out of my life?” Consider your answer and then pray for help to see clearly which choice to make. Then choose.