

Know Your Financial Condition

Financial Freedom #1 - Pastor Gary Combs - January 8, 2017 - Luke 15:11-24

Luke 15:11-24 (ESV) 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. 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.'" 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.

A. What we say that leads to financial bondage:

B. What we can say that leads to financial freedom:

1. God, help me see things _____.

Psalms 24:1 (ESV) The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

Proverbs 13:11 (NLT) Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears...

Proverbs 13:18 (ESV) Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.

Proverbs 27:23-24 (ESV) Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, for riches do not last forever ...

Know four things:

What you . . . 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

Proverbs 6:6-11 (ESV) Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest...

Proverbs 8:12-21 (NIV84) I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion... I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity...

2. God, I am ready to _____.

Acts 3:19 (Msg) Now it's time to change your ways! Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins, pour out showers of blessing to refresh you.

3. God, help me _____ with all that I have.

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

4. God, I am going to start trusting You _____.

2 Corinthians 6:2 (Msg) God reminds us, "... now is the right time to listen, the day to be helped.

Proverbs 6:5 (NIV84) Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.