



The Return of The Prodigal Son - "Release."

Luke 15: 12 13a *"So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land,"*

Opening Prayer -

Precious Father, I pray that any release of your grace in my life will not bring any sorrow - as I acquire for your wisdom, knowledge and understanding to be a good steward of your blessings, in Jesus' Name.

Observation (Mother's Day - acknowledgement)

God's blessings cannot be released until a great spiritual maturity finds its roots in your life.

In **Genesis 41:46**, we learn that Joseph was 30 years old when he was made overseer to the king of Egypt. Since he was 17 when he was sold into Egypt, that means he spent 13 years total in Potiphar's house and prison.

God decided to release or to bless Joseph until when he was mature enough to carry without fear or intimidation from anyone in the world.

In Potiphar's house, he learned with integrity how to be trusted with what it is not his.

Luke 16: 10 - *"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities".*

Under the pressure of the boy's harassment and an act of disobedience, the father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

Deuteronomy 28:47- 48 *Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things; therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.*



1. Release: “So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons”. A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land,”

The first-generation wealth creators, often coming from poverty or middle-class background, have worked hard, made mistakes, picked themselves up and persevered.

Along the way, they've become **self disciplined, resourceful & resilient**. The prodigal son received the portion of his inheritance when he lacked self-discipline on how to handle his investments. There was a lack of divine and well-planned resources in his life, and finally, there is proof of not being resilient (life adjustment).

In other words, there was a need for training before his portion could have been given to him., as the problem is not of living father's home but lack the ability and the presence of God in his life.

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What is destroying the churches these days is the manipulation of so-called men or women of God who are releasing pre-mature vessels to do God's work. This can come from the line of family members, friendships, relationships, etc.

Remember this:

- It took 13 years for God to release and send Joseph to inherit what the Lord has promised him from his childhood.
- Paul went through a preparation close to 14 years before being released to the Lord's work.

Acts 9: 15 *But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my **chosen instrument** to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."*

Where about Jesus? Jesus's ministry was about three years. There is an indication that before the age of 30, Jesus had been working as a carpenter.

Mark 6: 3 *- Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?"*

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This principle also applies for political leaders. Leaders are appointed after being systematically monitored, experimented, interviewed, tested, examined, analyzed, and approved to be worthy of the service.

Did you know that David was anointed as a king on three separate moments?

1. ***In 1 Samuel 16:13, "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward."***
2. ***In 2 Samuel 2:4, "And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah."***
3. ***In 2 Samuel 5:3, "So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel."***

A political leader must have some kind of spiritual understanding because they cannot be chosen by mistake. They should follow some refined (spiritual) protocol to rule over a nation.

Daniel 2:21 - "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. "So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons."

Application

3 things we can learn from a quick release of any type or kind of blessing/ inheritance is:

1. **Self-disciplined: this is the time to undergo various trials and to be approved by God and not a man as a true leader.** Joseph and the Prodigal son
2. **Resourceful: study well to acquire wisdom and not experience. As for God, He always looking someone with understanding.** But, as to form man, he is satisfied when he finds someone with experience. (story of water in the nearest village) - Joseph and the prodigal son
3. **Resilient: be strong and able to spring back into shape after being bent or stretched.** You must be able to be successful or happy again after a painful experience. (story of Joseph and the prodigal son)