



**BROKEN IN THE PIG PEN...
BITTER ON THE PORCH**

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The famous parable of the prodigal son that everyone knows so well...
or do you?

Definition of the word PRODIGAL:
Rashly or wastefully extravagant;
given to abundance.

Deuteronomy 21:17 (KJV)

- But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

Mosaic Law:

Mosaic law states that the eldest son is entitled to $\frac{2}{3}$ of what the father has

Luke 15:11–12 (KJV)

- And he said, A certain man had two sons:
And the younger of them said to his father,
Father, give me the portion of goods that
falleth to me. And he divided unto them his
living.

“GIVE ME...”

- giving a portion of the father’s property before his death to his sons would be highly unusual
- for a son to request this it would be highly insulting to the father

**THE YOUNGER SON HAD NOT EARNED IT
THEREFORE HE DIDN'T DESERVE IT!**

Luke 12:15 (KJV)

- And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Jeremiah 6:13 (KJV)

- For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

By saying “**GIVE ME,**” the son wanted freedom
from **RESPONSIBILITY.**

He felt his father would:

- demand too much work
- restrict his fun and pleasure
- control and discipline too much
- limit his freedom

**ALWAYS REMEMBER:
THE FATHER GAVE THE SON
WHAT HE WANTED.**

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

Zechariah 7:11 (KJV)

- But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

Isaiah 46:12 (KJV)

- Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:

Psalm 32:9 (KJV)

- Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Luke 15:13 (KJV)

- And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

**The Bible makes it a point to say
the son went to a “far country”:**

- Far from his father
- Far from responsibility
- Far from God’s protection

HOW MANY PEOPLE RUN FAR AWAY FROM
THE COVERING GOD PUT YOU IN?

HOW MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE
END UP IN RIOTOUS LIVING?

Luke 8:14 (KJV)

- And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

1 Timothy 5:6 (KJV)

- But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

Titus 3:3 (KJV)

- For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Luke 15:14 (KJV)

- And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Again, watch the Bible's words here:

he spent **ALL**

HE SUFFERS DESTITUTION:

No money • No property

No purpose • No opportunity

The prodigal son had nothing left to help him
because he had cut himself off from God

Revelation 3:17 (KJV)

- Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Ephesians 2:12 (KJV)

- That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Hosea 10:13 (KJV)

- Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

Luke 15:15 (KJV)

- And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

A natural disaster strikes:
a famine

He has to face it alone without God.

HE SUFFERS ENSLAVEMENT AND HUMILIATION

- Swine are unclean and no Jew of this time would take this job willingly
- this represents the extreme depravity of the situation

Luke 15:16 (KJV)

- And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

HE SUFFERS HUNGER

→ the world's pleasures can't
satisfy/nourish/provide/supply what you truly
need

HE SUFFERS FROM LACK OF FRIENDS

- “no man gave unto him”
- he became an embarrassment to them
- the world will chew you up and spit you out when it has no need for you anymore

Job 19:19 (KJV)

- All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

Psalm 38:11 (KJV)

- My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

Psalm 142:4 (KJV)

- I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

**DO YOU SEE THE LEVELS YOU SINK TO
WHEN YOU RUN AWAY FROM GOD?**

Luke 15:17–19 (KJV)

- And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

“WHEN HE CAME TO HIMSELF”

**SOMETIMES IT TAKES EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES
TO BRING US BACK TO GOD!!!!**

Always give credit to the prodigal son here for facing facts, and not ignoring the situation

→ repentance is the beginning of sanity/reality

He realizes how his father was able to provide for his every need, and how he would humble himself if he went back to him

NOTE HOW IT SAYS THE SON WOULD HAVE TO
"ARISE"

MEANING GET UP,
TURN AROUND AND GO TOWARDS GOD!!

TURN YOU BACK ON THE ENEMY!!!!

Acts 8:22 (KJV)

- Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Matthew 5:6 (KJV)

- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Isaiah 55:1 (KJV)

- Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

The prodigal son takes action and goes back home

**THE FATHER IS ALREADY WAITING
FOR HIM TO ARRIVE!!!**

HE HAS ALREADY FORGIVEN HIM!!!

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1 John 1:9 (KJV)

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 34:18 (KJV)

- The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Ezra 10:11 (KJV)

- Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure.

THE PRODIGAL CONFESSES HIS SINS.

Luke 15:22–24 (KJV)

- But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

The prodigal son is accepted and restored
because he returned

THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF HE
HADN'T RETURNED!!!!

THE SAME IS TRUE FOR US TODAY!!!

Pay close attention to HOW the father restores him: by giving him some specific items
(robe, ring, shoes)

WHAT DO THEY REPRESENT?

**→ robe: position of sonship and honor
(Eph 4:24)**

Ephesians 4:24 (KJV)

- And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**→ ring: position of authority
(Titus 3:17)**

Titus 3:7 (KJV)

- That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**→ shoes: elevated him above
servanthood, making him free to
spread the gospel
(Eph 6:15)**

Ephesians 6:15 (KJV)

- And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

A SON MADE WHOLE WHO WAS BROKEN IN
THE PIG PEN!!!!

IT IS TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!!

OR IS IT?

Luke 15:25–27 (KJV)

- Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

We are introduced to the elder son

WHO DOES HE REPRESENT?

The religionists

→ those who do “works”, therefore they believe God will accept them

Notice that the Bible says here: he was out in the field (away from home)

THE ELDER SON WAS IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION....

NOT IN THE HOUSE OF SALVATION!!!

Ephesians 2:8–9 (KJV)

- For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Galatians 4:10–11 (KJV)

- Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

He didnt know what was happening in the house of salvation

→ he questioned the celebration

→ he asked what it meant

WHAT DOES THIS LEAD TO?

Luke 15:28 (KJV)

- And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

THE ELDER SON REFUSES TO ENTER.
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WHY ARE YOU MAD AT GOD?

WHY WON'T YOU COME IN?

WILLINGLY INTO HIS HOUSE OF SALVATION??

The sin of a negative, grumbling spirit

→ how could his good-for-nothing brother find repentance?

→ all this joy and celebration made him angry

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IF YOU BARK LIKE A DOG ALL DAY,
DONT BE SURPRISED WHEN
YOU ARE DOG-TIRED AT NIGHT!!!!

Matthew 23:13 (KJV)

- But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men.

Malachi 2:7–8 (KJV)

- For the priest's lips should keep knowledge...
But ye are departed out of the way.

Luke 15:29–30 (KJV)

- And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee... but as soon as this thy son was come...

The eldest is jealous and envious of this younger brother.

Look at what he claims here:

- to be religious “I serve thee”
- to be moral and just “Neither transgressed....”
- to deserve more and be recognized
“never gavest me a kid....”

Jeremiah 2:35 (KJV)

- Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me.

Matthew 23:25 (KJV)

- Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside...

Matthew 23:28 (KJV)

- Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy.

The elder son had no faith,
he had forgotten all he had

Notice in verse 30 he calls his brother “thy son” to his father

He won't even refer to his own brother as brother

WHY WAS THE ELDER BROTHER NOT MOVED
BY HIS YOUNGER BROTHER'S RETURN?

BECAUSE HE NEVER CARED THAT HE LEFT
IN THE FIRST PLACE!!!

Luke 15:31–32 (KJV)

- And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine...

The father tries explaining to the elder son that
all he has to do is repent and he too can enter
God's house

REMEMBER, THE PARABLE ENDS
WITHOUT TELLING

WHAT THE ELDEST SON'S RESPONSE
IS TO THIS FATHER!!!!

WHAT WILL YOURS BE?

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HAS YOUR RIOTOUS LIVING
COST YOU EVERYTHING?

HAVE YOU BECOME DESTITUTE?

HUNGRY?

SURROUNDED BY SWINE?

ARISE!! AND RETURN BACK HOME TO GOD'S
COVERING OVER YOUR LIFE!!!!

OR.....

ARE YOU ALREADY HOME?

AND REFUSE TO ENTER GOD'S HOUSE?

WHY CANT YOU STAND TO SEE SOMEONE
REPENT AND CELEBRATE?

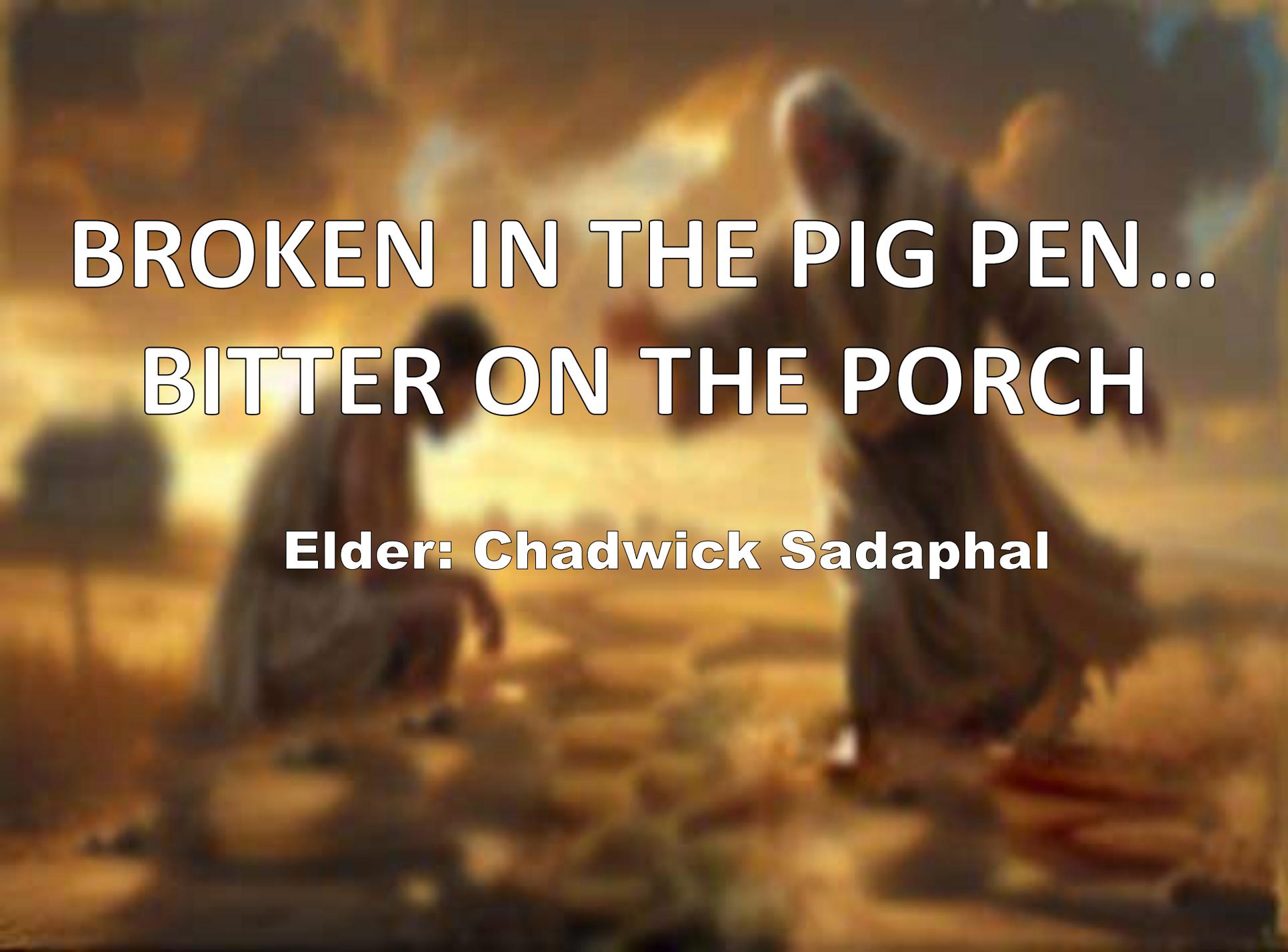
THINK YOU DESERVE MORE?

ARE ENTITLED TO MORE?

YOUR GOOD WORKS IN THE FIELD MAKE YOU
RIGHTEOUS THAN EVERYONE ELSE?

**CONFESS YOUR SINS AND ENJOY GOD'S
BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE AGAIN!!!**

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!!!!



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