**Stewardship. Part 1. Justin Brock**

(Luke 15:11-16) A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ 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, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.”

**We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**We engage in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from those who can help.**

**We find ourselves in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

(Psalms‬ 88‬:8) “You have driven my friends away by making me repulsive to them. I am in a trap with no way of escape.”‬‬

(Psalms‬ 34‬:18) “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.”‬‬

(Luke‬ 15‬:17‬-20) When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”’ “So, he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.”‬‬

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of where you are.

(Psalms‬ 51‬:1‬, 5‬-6) Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. For I was born a sinner—But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.”‬‬‬‬

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(Psalms 32:3-5) “When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.”

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1. Develop a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

(Proverbs 21:5) “Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.”

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** ask God for help.

(1 Peter‬ 5‬:5‬-7) for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”‬‬

1. Do it **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

(Proverbs‬ 6‬:10‬-11) “A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit;”‬‬‬

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