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The Poverty Mindset

### Luke 15

<sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>

### Luke 15 (cont.)

'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

<sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

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- 1. Belief that you are a victim of other's decisions and choices.
- 2. Fear of spending money on non-essentials.
- 3. Constant search for cheapest alternative, even if a discomfort.
- 4. Obsession with getting "deals" and free entry.
- 5. Belief that you're lucky when you succeed, incompetent when you fail.
- 6. Denying yourself as an ongoing way of life.
- 7. Feelings of guilt when you have more than someone else.
- 8. Fear of being seen as boasting when you describe a simple accomplishment.
- 9. Never picking up a check someone else may pick up.
- 10. Never feeling you have enough reserves or resources.
- 11. A belief you can "lose it all" despite everything you do.

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<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

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#### James 1:6

<sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.