The classic story of the Prodigal Son is like a “MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL – tell me, who is the FAIREST of them all?” Most often times we identify with the wayward son, sometimes parents identify with the father, and every once in a while as the critical older brother. Either way, it never fails; we all get emotionally involved in this most amazing of parables!

It touches THE MYSTERY of that Sacred Journey we call “LIFE…”

WHAT'S IT WORTH ANYWAYS? I mean, if we were to put a price on it, what is A LIFE worth? From the time it comes into being inside of a woman's womb, is born completely dependent upon others, acquires knowledge and understanding throughout the years, goes on to achieve some form of independence and success for a period of time while contributing to the advancement of society UNTIL eventually once again becoming completely dependent upon others as the body slowly returns to the ground from which it came while the Immortal Soul renders an IMMEDIATE ACCOUNT for the life that was lived and experienced on earth as a human being.

WHAT'S THAT WORTH?

CAUSE EVERYTHING HAS A PRICE! Did you know that the ‘Standard Gold Bar’ that’s held and traded internationally by central banks is called the "GOOD DELIVERY BAR," and it has an average weight of 400 ounces, which means it weighs about 27 1/2 pounds. One gold bar fetches the price of $454,000 US dollars.

Given that societies measuring stick for Value seems to be that of what something is worth in and of itself, let's compare a ‘Standard Human Being’ in North America, which has an average weight of 176 pounds. I mean just that alone means it’s seven times the weight of the Good Delivery Gold Bar, and so one would think that a human being would be worth a lot – but as it turns out – scientists tell us that if we were to break down the chemical composition of our bodies, this is what we would end up with:

We have enough IRON inside of us for ONE nail; enough SUGAR to fill a sugar bowl; enough FAT for seven bars of soap (and that will vary from person to person); enough LIME to whitewash a chicken coop, enough PHOSPHOROUS for 2,200 match heads, enough POTASSIUM to shoot a toy cannon all mixed in with a little sulfur so that IN TODAY’S INFLATED MARKET, if there was such a thing on the New York Stock Exchange, a Human Being, ALL IN, would value about $7.50.

One standard gold bar weighing 27 1/2 pounds is worth $454,000 US while a human being, whom believers claim are made in the image and likeness of God – and thus are sacred – weighing in at 176 pounds is worth $7.50…

I think this explains why Human Life is of even LESS VALUE these days than the Life Value of a Dog. I mean we have Abortion Clinics for human beings in every major city in Canada, but as much as I tried on Google, I couldn't find one for dogs anywhere. Maybe that's because Dog Puppies are worth anywhere from $500-$1500 once they’re born… that’s a lot more $7.50…

The word PRODIGAL means "Wasteful or Reckless Extravagance." We all know, that the younger son reached a stage of development whereby he wanted to be free - FREE of his father's influence and FREE to do his own thing; and so, he took his share of the inheritance and headed off to a ‘Far Country.’

In reality, THE FAR COUNTRY IS NOT A PLACE; it's an attitude, a life-style. We all cross over the border leading into the far country the MOMENT the main purpose of my life becomes that of doing my own thing rather than God's thing; it’s Pride of Life baby – and there’s no escaping it along one’s journey…
For as the cartoons showed while I was growing up, we ALL have a White Angel on one shoulder, and a Red Devil on the other. And while the white Angel is always pointing out the right thing to do, the Red Demon is an incredible salesman! It happens to us all!!!

**NO ONE GETS OUT OF THIS ONE** – we ALL and up being persuaded that the ‘Far Country’ is a much better place than this place. We all buy into the promise that the KEY TO HAPPINESS lies in doing my own thing with no obligations to anyone or restrictions from anybody else.

I've walked that path a good number of times IN MY LIFE and I would be a fool to say that I'll never walk that path again. And so IT happened to me a good number of times already: as it happened to the young man in today's parable. BUT THEN, we are told that all of a sudden: "HE CAME TO HIMSELF!"

And you know **WHEN IT HAPPENED**, at the lowest lows of lows: the money was spent, no one could care less whether he lived or died, he’s stealing food from pigs just to stay alive...

Psychologists would have classified the Prodigal Son as someone being in a **state of Deep Depression**, Canada’s NEW Health Minister on the other hand, according to what he said on January 26th of this year, that's less than two months ago, would've diagnosed and come up with an even better solution to remedy the prodigal son’s state of being. As he told parliamentarians: “**Special travelling teams of doctors could deliver physician-assisted death to the country’s remote regions, guaranteeing northerners and others in isolation access to the right to die**…”

This is a message for ALL PEOPLES OF ALL RACES of EVERY RELIGION LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY: come June 6th, 2016 the law that is set to take effect for Canada concerning **euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide** is one to which there is to be **No Age Limit Set** for someone thinking about entering the Big Sleep, waking up on the other side and experiencing their immediate Particular Judgment at the hands of their Maker.

Oh yeah, and just in case you're wondering – I can promise you this much as a Representative of Jesus Christ on Earth: **no one goes Straight To Heaven** for committing suicide or forcing someone else to take their life… NO ONE...

**Behold: THE NEW PRODIGAL CHILDREN of tomorrow** now in the making…

The difference being that **Canada's Prodigal Children** versus the **Prodigal Son in the Bible** is that we’re not going to get the opportunity to hear how the rest of these people’s journeys played out. Maybe they would have had a Change of Heart, a moment of Conversion, a time of Enlightenment: the Joy of "**coming to themselves and realizing that the choices they make in life AFFECT HEAVEN and everyone around them**." Our government is making it so that now we’re not even going to give people a chance to HIT ROCK BOTTOM IN THEIR SUFFERING STATE OF BEING. A chance to come to their senses and reach out for Divine Help...

Take for example when someone in their teens experiences the sin of being bullied because a few Canadians forgot to wear their pink shirts on February 24th, whenever a teenager experiences the inner turmoil of NOT BEING LOVED like **Justin Bieber**, which in turn causes an emotional state that becomes ‘grievous and irremediable,’ then they can choose to have their plug pulled anytime their little hearts desire and put an end to such intolerable sufferings.

**MONEY** – makes the world go round and we all need it to survive. If you have a 27 ½ pound Gold Bar, that will put **$454,000 US dollars in your pocket**. If you have a newborn puppy to sell, that'll put an average of **$1000 in your pocket**. If you’re a human being that weighs 176 pounds, according to the worlds productivity standards, that'll put **$7.50 in your bank account**.

"OOhhbut father, it's not about the money.”

You’re RIGHT! – “It’s not about the money: **ITS ABOUT THE MONEY**…”
Here's the thing about money: it'll buy you a BED, but it can't buy you sleep. It'll buy you BOOKS, but not the brains you need to retain all the information. It'll buy you the most BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, but not a God FEARING Peace Filled home. It can buy you all the medicine in the world, but it can't buy your health.

It buys all kinds of AMUSEMENTS, but NEVER HAPPINESS…

The Great Cathedral of Milan, Italy has 3 MAIN DOORS: each with an inscription etched above them. Over the door to the right is written, "All that PLEASES lasts only for a moment." The door on the left proclaims, "All that TROUBLES lasts only for a moment."

And the largest of all 3 doors right at the center reminds everyone: "Nothing is important… SAVE THAT WHICH IS ETERNAL."

In the end, it's not about the money: it's about THAT WHICH IS ETERNAL – and that would be EVERY HUMAN SOUL. I leave the last words to our Lord himself because after all he died a horrible death for the sake of extending salvation to those who accept His Message:

"Enter by the narrow gate, since the road that leads to destruction is wide and spacious and many take it. It is a Narrow Gate and it is a Hard Road that leads TO LIFE: and ONLY A FEW FIND IT…” (Matt. 7:13-14)

Will you be among “the few?”