

RECEIPTS:

What I Get

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Notes:

The riches we have received, ultimately, have nothing to do with our goodness, but with God's grace. When was the last time we truly took stock of just how recklessly God has blessed us and just how freely God forgives us?

¹¹ He also said, "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming to me.' So he distributed the assets to them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he had nothing. ¹⁵ Then he went to work for one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to eat his fill from the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one would give him anything. ¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I'll get up, go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹ I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired workers.'" ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. ²¹ The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father told his servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let's celebrate with a feast, ²⁴ because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' So they began to celebrate.

- Luke 15:11-24 (CSB)

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My Next Step(s):

- I will take some time to consider all that God has given me.
- I will admit that I do not deserve the gifts and blessings that God gives me.
- I will trust God to provide all that I need; even when I am generous.
- I will pray for God to give me a heart of generosity.

Memory Verse: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! - 1 John 3:1b

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HOW WHAT YOU SPEND REVEALS WHO YOU LOVE



Amazing Grace.

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once was lost, but now
pre - cious did that
grace hath bro't me
no less days to
now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved
sing God's praise Than when we first be - gan



“Let us count the price. ... If you could properly evaluate this incomparable price, you would throw all your ceremonies, vows, works, and merits into the ash can. What awful presumption to imagine that there is any work good enough to pacify God, when to pacify God required the invaluable price of the death and blood of His own and only Son?”

– Martin Luther

A close-up photograph of a person's hands working on a desk. One hand is pressing buttons on a black calculator, while the other holds a pen over a smartphone. Various financial documents, including spreadsheets and receipts, are scattered on the desk surface.

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“foolish” – *a-sotos* – “unsaved”

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#1

God loves to give.

“He said, ‘It is more **blessed to give** than to receive.’”

ACTS 20:35

#2

We don't deserve
what God gives.

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I’m **no longer worthy** to be called your son.”

LUKE 15:21

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LUKE 15:23-24

Merit (getting what we deserve)

VS

Grace (getting what we don't deserve)

#3

God never runs
out of gifts.



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“without measure” – *beli da’y* – “without sufficiency”

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