

## **I. Everyone has the potential to be a prodigal. *Romans 3:23***

### A. Reaching Your Prodigal by Phil Waldrep (5 types)

- An embarrassing prodigal
- A defiant prodigal
- An intellectual prodigal
- A complacent prodigal
- A religious prodigal

## **II. The root issue for a prodigal is the heart. (v. 17)**

*Proverbs 4:23, Ephesians 1:18*

## **III. How should I respond to a prodigal? (v. 20-32)**

### A. While they are far from God. (v. 20)

- Remove the barriers
- Pray *James 5:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17*
- Love unconditionally *Romans 5:8, Luke 6:27*
- Establish boundaries *Psalms 51:17, Matthew 5:3*

### B. When they return home (v. 22-24)

- Receive them
- Rejoice in their repentance