

## **Kingdom Education™ and The Prodigal Paradigm**

Kingdom Education seeks to establish and expand the Kingdom of God within the field of education. An important question to ask regarding the Kingdom of God is “Why would we hide rather than share the very thing for which Jesus died? The simple answer is we will not hide the Kingdom of God from our students.

Kingdom Education seeks the Kingdom of God and the revelation it includes for the betterment of education. Often, those traditions and practices of mankind, not based in the heart of God find their way into the systems of organizations, including education, causing harm by not bringing God’s best into people’s lives. God’s desire is for us to “Seek His Kingdom and His righteousness” (Matt 6:33) so that we can experience God’s very best. This includes His very best in our personal lives and in the lives of those we serve; it also includes assisting the Lord in the rebuilding of broken systems and the lives they influence.

Jesus’ overwhelming emphasis on the Kingdom of God is undeniable in the Bible. Specifically, in Luke 15:11-32, Jesus provides a template of the sequential steps available for Kingdom Restoration as experienced in the life of the Prodigal Son (Prodigal Paradigm). Incidentally, Jesus’ illustration of Kingdom Restoration is applicable to individuals, families, organizations, and nations. By praying, seeking and committing ourselves to Jesus’ Experiential Steps of Kingdom Restoration, we help bring Kingdom Restoration into our own lives and the lives we influence.

Below are the sequential steps of Kingdom Restoration as delineated by Jesus and experienced by the Prodigal Son. Each step includes a portion of the parable and its associated influence on a person’s spirit.

### **Experiential Steps of Kingdom Restoration**

1. Out of the Pig Pen - Awakening – It is through God’s grace that we are awakened spiritually (Eph. 2:8-9)
2. Apologizing to the Father - Repentance – We repent for choosing less and now turn to God’s best (Mat. 6:33)
3. Embrace of the Father - Intimacy with God – Receiving, accepting, and returning the love of God and the love of His heart loving people (Mar. 12:30-31)
4. Robe - Identity in Christ– Living and growing as a child of God (1 Pet. 2:9)
5. Signet Ring - Authority of the Believer– Exercising our rights and responsibilities as Kingdom citizens (Luk. 10:19)
6. Sandals - Liberty to Fulfill Purpose– Freely pursuing and fulfilling our purpose in creation (Eph. 2:10)
7. Family Party - Celebration – Giving thanks to God for His goodness and blessings (Ps. 32:11)

By incorporating Kingdom Education and the Prodigal Paradigm experiential steps of Kingdom Restoration into K-12 Education, we effectively are bringing and can bring the Kingdom of God into the lives of our students and school. This opportunity is of immense value in assisting students to fulfill their God-given purpose in life and eternity. Furthermore, together we are obeying the primary command of God regarding seeking His Kingdom and His righteousness, which also includes His follow-up promise that everything else will then be added unto us. (Mat. 6:33)