May 10, 2011 Charles Stanley's Life Principle #16

Whatever you acquire outside of God's will eventually turns to ashes..

PRAYER FOCUS:
The Prodigal Son's Ashes
<u>Luke 15:11-16</u>
Why did the younger son request his share of the estate? (v. 12)
How did the younger son's pursuit of things turn to ashes? (v. 13-16)
In what ways do we today pursuit our own will and it turns to ashes?
The Prodigal Son's Return
<u>Luke 15:17-20</u>
In what state was the younger son when he decided to return to his father's house? (v. 17-19)
What were the father's feelings when he saw his son? (v. 20)

The Prodigal Son's Restoration

Luke 15:21-24

What was the son's confession to his father? (v. 21)

What was the father's response to his son? (v. 22-24)

The Lesson for the Prodigal Son's Brother

Luke 15:25-32

What is the lesson we can learn from the father's response to the older brother? (v. 31-32)

"Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:21-23