

# ***“DIY or TTF?”***

**Luke 15:15-20**

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## Introduction

- Kitchen remodeling project
- The Prodigal in “want”
- To whom do we turn to when we realize our spiritual need?

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### **A. “DIY” or the “Do-It-Yourself” Approach—Luke 15:15-16**

- 1. The Prodigal’s Plan**
  - a. *“Joined himself to a citizen”*
  - b. *“Sent him into his fields to feed swine”*
    - 1) He became one with the pigs
    - 2) Pigs as unclean animals under the Law—Deuteronomy 14:8
  - c. *“Gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate”*
    - 1) “pods”—carob pods
    - 2) Personal experience as a swine herder
  - d. *“No one gave him anything”*
- 2. The “Self-Help” plans of today**

### **B. “TTF” or “Trust-The-Father” Approach—Luke 15:17-20**

- 1. The Prodigal’s New Plan**
  - a. *“He came to himself”*
    - 1) Indicates he has given up on the DIY approach
    - 2) Sin as “irrational, moral madness”
  - b. As a clear thinker, he had...
    - 1) A new appreciation for his father!—Luke 15:17
    - 2) A sober, accurate realization of his dire need—v. 17
  - c. Devises the “TTF” plan
    - 1) Determines what he will do—*“I will arise and go to my father”*
    - 2) Rehearses what he will say
      - a) *“I have sinned against heaven and before you”*
      - b) *“No longer worthy to be called your son”*
      - c) *“Make me like one of your hired servants”*
    - 3) Throw himself upon the mercy of his father!
- 2. The Process of Repentance and Faith**
  - a. Begins with *“coming to your senses”* – 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Cor. 2:14  
2 Timothy 2:24-26
  - b. Facing the reality of our sinfulness
    - 1) Guilt
    - 2) Sorrow—2 Corinthians 7:9-10
    - 3) Shame—Jeremiah 31:19
  - c. Embracing the truth of the Gospel