



## moving from Earner to *Heir*

Although I am created in God's image and made to center my life on Him, my rebellious heart has separated me by seeking life apart from God. The Bible declares that all my efforts to earn His favor and restore my relationship are fruitless.

Because of His indescribable love for me, God freely yet painfully sent Jesus to restore our relationship. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection paid the price for my adoption as a child of God and an heir to His grace.

My journey begins as I move from trusting my efforts and start trusting Jesus.

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Read Luke 15 then answer the following questions.

Who do you identify with the most...Younger Son, Older Brother, Father?

Why?

As you reflect on the passage from Luke 15, pause and pray for a person in your life you see as the...

Younger Son:

Older Brother:

Father:

How would you attempt to convince the older brother to attend the party for his brother?

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Look back at the first part of the passage from Luke 15. Try and put yourself in the shoes of the younger son.

What would you say to your father to get back into his family?

How would you explain to the younger son that his plan to work himself back into the good graces of his father was irrational?

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Read Titus 3:4-7 then complete the 3-part interactive Bible study.

1. Copy the passage "word for word" from your Bible.

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2. Write the passage in “your own words” as if you’re telling a friend about it.

3a. Write down what you will do/stop doing as an act of obedience to God’s word.

“ I will...”

3b. Share with a friend or family member (preferably someone who might not have a personal relationship with Jesus) how this specific passage is impacting you. Or, share what God is doing in your life in general. Write their name below.

If there is anything I have I can't give away, I don't own it; it owns me.

Identify some “earner” thinking (good/righteous things you have done in your life) and confess it to God.

Send a letter/email/text of thanks or encouragement to someone you feel doesn't deserve it.

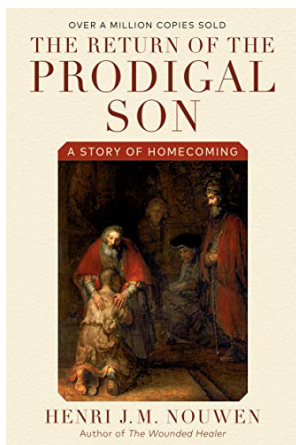
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# Continue your exploration...

Engage and obey Bible passages from the Earner to Heir Reading Plan.

- ☐ Luke 15
- ☐ Titus 3:4-7
- ☐ Ephesians 2:1-10
- ☐ Romans 5:1-20
- ☐ John 1:9-13
- ☐ Hebrews 2:10-13
- ☐ Hebrews 12:5-7
- ☐ Hosea 3
- ☐ 1 Peter 1:3-4

Read "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen.



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