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The Story of the Prodigal

Two ways humans try to solve the problem of sin ourselves-

- I don't like your system. Leave me alone. Let me do my own thing.
- I'm determined to earn my own way back into God's good graces. I'm good. I can make God like me.

The-o-log-i-cal Term of the Day: De-prav-i-ty

Definition: _____

Read Romans 3:10-12 and Ephesians 2:8-9.



▲ Upward

Our best efforts **can't patch up** our relationship with God.

SINS cannot be removed by good deeds.

⊗ Inward

Jesus' story of the Prodigal describes two distinct human tendencies when relating to God.

Which describes you?

- ___ The younger brother—setting out on your own to find happiness and satisfaction apart from God.
- ___ The older brother—trying to earn God's acceptance and approval through your good deeds.

◀ Outward

Start a conversation this week with a friend who needs Jesus. **Ask them what they think God wants from them.** Listen, ask questions, get the dialogue going. Share what you believe about Jesus' teaching that we can't earn our way into God's acceptance—that the price is too high to be paid by good deeds.