



Reflection



Repentance



Reform



Reconciliation



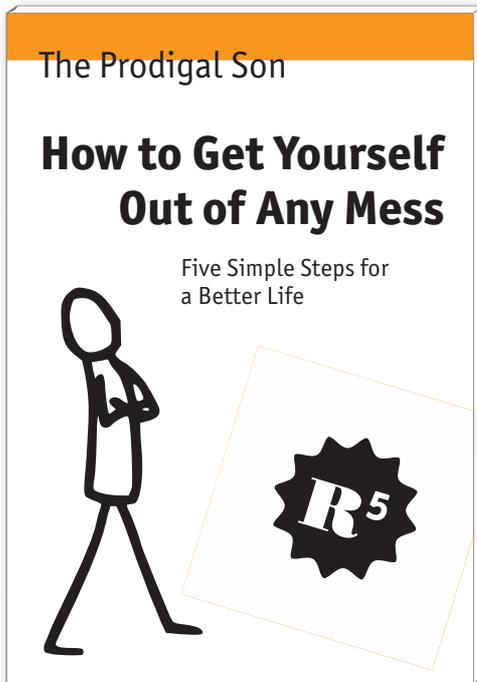
Reparation

For notes

Please don't write on or mark this section.

One year later, the prodigal son writes a self-help book, based on his own life experience:
How to Get Yourself out of Any Mess—Five Simple Steps for a Better Life

Try this: Think about which five steps the prodigal son actually took to be reconciled with the Father and how he might name the corresponding five chapters in his book.



Reflection

I acknowledge that I have made a mess of things.

Repentance

I am truly sorry about it.

Reform

I resolve not to do it again in the future.

Reconciliation

I confess that I have made a mess of things.

Reparation

I am willing to make amends for everything, even though it's probably going to be quite uncomfortable.

Freely available any time, in your own or any other parish, local convent, or community!



CATEGORY



An Evening of Reconciliation

Your Confirmation candidates need to prepare for their Confirmation by going to confession. So they can “wipe the slate clean”, so to speak, before receiving this sacrament. In order to forestall some of the typical problems with confession, we suggest you arrange a special Reconciliation session for your young people.

ORGANIZATIONAL PREPARATION

Have different priests available

Get together a suitable group of priests for the session. It is important for the young people to have the possibility to choose between various confessors. It's also important to have at least one priest available who is not personally known to the candidates.

Offer a variety of outward forms

Make a variety of different environments available for confession. It is a good idea to accommodate the different characters of the young people by offering the sacrament both in the form of a more informal, face-to-face conversation with the priest as well as in the more traditional setting of the confessional.