

# The Prodigal Son

by George Mueller

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*George Müller's life showed striking similarities to the parable of the Prodigal Son, highlighting the importance of parental discipline and the consequences of sinful behavior.*

**Scripture:** Luke 15:11

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## Description

George Mueller draws parallels between his early life and the parable of the Prodigal Son, illustrating a journey of rebellion and unrepentant sin. Raised with little parental control, he engaged in theft and deceit, mirroring the waywardness of the Prodigal Son. Despite his intelligence and potential to become a clergyman, his compulsive stealing led him further away from the path of righteousness. Mueller's story serves as a reminder of the grace and redemption available to those who stray but ultimately seek forgiveness. The sermon emphasizes the transformative power of repentance and the unconditional love of the Father.

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## Transcript

The similarities between George Müller's early life and the parable of the Prodigal Son are quite remarkable, a fact not unnoticed by many writers and commentators.

In 1810 George Müller moved with his family from that Prussian village of Kroppenstaedt to nearby Heimersleben, some four miles away. He and his brother received no real parental control and their father, being very generous, gave them plenty of money. They were encouraged to keep records of their spending, but that is where parental discipline and control ended.

George Müller regularly stole money from his father, invariably when collecting debts on his father's behalf by handing over much less than he had collected. His father often had to make up missing money and on one occasion a successfully laid trap caused George Müller to be punished, but he was unrepentant.

George Müller was sent to a classical school at Halberstaedt hoping to become a Lutheran clergyman. Despite being a brilliant pupil he continued his sinful ways. His stealing became more compulsive and on one occasion he managed to retain all but one twelfth of his confirmation fees which his father had given him for confirmation classes.

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