

Comparison of Prodigal Son and the Sacrament of Penance

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Father's unconditional love for his son and his free will to choose 2. Son sins against the Father and the whole household is affected 3. Feeds swine – unclean & despised animal to the Jews 4. Son is lost in sin 5. Son returns Home to the Father 6. The Father clothes the son with clean garments 7. Welcomes with a banquet 8. The Father represents God 9. Father is always looking out for his son's return – no grudges | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We receive Holy Communion b. Priest represents God in the whole community c. God recovers the lost d. Sin affects the whole community – There is no private sin e. God is always willing to forgive every sin f. God's unconditional love for us and our free will to choose g. We return to the Church with Confession h. Priest places cloth on our head for absolution i. Sin makes us unclean |
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<u>Action</u>	<u>Consequence to Self</u>	<u>Consequence to Others</u>
took money	wasted inheritance	extra work for brother
left home son	separated from family	Father & brother missed the
led sinful life	separated from God	led others to sin

