

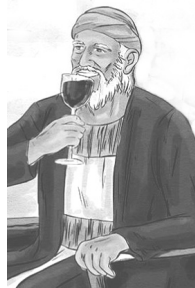
Conversations with Myself

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He had a great plan. “But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” (*Luke 12:18-20*). This parable illustrates that in leaving God out, we can easily persuade ourselves to do anything.

The Prodigal Son parable also reflects constructive self-talk. We can only imagine what he had been telling himself before choosing a helpful conversation. When “he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger...I will arise and go to my father, and will say ...Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.” (*Luke 15:17-19*) He then arose and went to his father, his self-conversations having determined his actions.



May we ever encourage ourselves that we may encourage others. “Why art thou cast down, O my soul...hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance” (*Psalms 42:11*).

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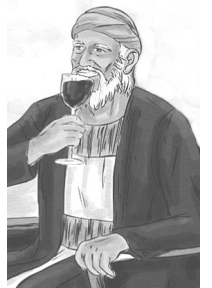
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