

- iii. I have rights.  
I deserved to be consulted about all of this. In his resentful refusal he shows that the father's happiness had never been his goal. Fury leads to insult he addresses his father in a disrespectful manner.

- How will the father respond?
- He responds with amazing tenderness
- It is important to know that Jesus exposes elder brother lostness as being as wrong and destructive as younger brother's lostness.
- The younger son knew he was alienated from the father; the elder son didn't.
- The elder son saw nothing wrong with his condition
- This is why self-righteousness is so dangerous.

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### **Lent Course — The Prodigal Son**

#### **Session Two —The Elder Son**

Luke: "The older brother became angry and refused to go in."

- The elder son is furious and refuses to go in to the feast
  - He publicly denounces his father's actions
  - The father pleads with his eldest son to come in
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- Three reasons for his anger:
    - i. The cost of the feast and homecoming of his brother .  
He feels he has the right to tell his father how the robes, rings, shoes, livestock should be deployed.
    - ii. This is so unjust.  
The elder son felt the father ought to bless him and help him because he had worked so hard to obey him.