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in the words: "When he came to himself he said: 'I will arise and go to my father!'" Up to that moment he had been a selfish, indulgent wastrel; but after he came to himself, he began the long road back to sanity and decency and health.

What else could these words mean but that the prodigal son's "better self" broke through the accumulation of evil which had been dominating him and said: "let's go home! Let's return to a good life! Away with this wrong!" If there had been no better self, there would have been no penitence--no road back, no forgiving father, no party given in celebration!

III. THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY THE BETTER SELF CANNOT BREAK THROUGH TO POWER.

The first is the average person's tendency to worship physical pleasure. We need to face squarely the danger which the worship of things presents. The material things on earth were placed here for our use, not our indulgence nor worship; and when we crave them in excess of our needs, we stultify our better selves. We become a slave to the satisfaction of our senses and our indulgent self overpowers the better self within!

The parable reveals clearly why the better self so often loses out. In this case, the prodigal gave way to the lusts of the senses. . . he gave his loyalty to satisfying of his body--"eat, drink and be merry" was his theme. His better self was overwhelmed by that self which craved to be indulged; but finally, when circumstances brought an end to material pleasure, the full force of what he had done struck him and his loyalty to the truly "good" in life returned.

Every man or woman is, in some measure, a "prodigal son"--we all have some spiritual "far country" in which we are wasting our abilities or money in something like useless living. And the sad fact is that while we are so occupied, our better self--the loving, generous, forgiving self that is within, is being held in check. How much better our world would be if we would let the best within us burst forth--but we keep it subjugated under our selfish desires for indul-

gent pleasure!

Second, we need to know clearly the enemy we face in this matter of releasing our better self. We have to recognize that all men have a common tendency toward evil, and that if we allow ourselves to "drift" spiritually, we will be overcome by this great negative force. To be unaware of this wrong which can spring up and command us is to be asleep at our spiritual post--it is to be led into the "far country" of the prodigal. To realize there is a force within us, inclined to drive us into the pig pens of this spirit is to be aware of our need for defense against us.

SPRINGING OUT OF this fact, is the warning to us to take care about the kind of environment we have. Our tendency to fall away from goodness is greatly increased by the places in which we spend our time. The prodigal son, you will recall, had two strikes against him when he left home and submerged himself in the low life of the far country. Half of his and our battle against evil is won when we choose a good environment in which to work and play.

Third, our better self is never surrendered to evil if we give it enough attention. To dwell on the bad we do is to keep reminding ourselves of the kind of person we really do not want to be. We have to look at the good we might do, or it will never start. To concentrate on our worst self is to come to believe that it is really us, whereas our belief tells us that we were created in the image of God, that we are a child of God, capable of real fellowship with Him!

IV. REVEALING OUR BETTER SELF

This leads us into the means of encouraging our better self. How, we ask, does good become encouraged to come forth? What would make us have confidence against evil, make us disciplined again at the waste of material things, make us seek good surroundings and believe in the best possible?

THE SIMPLE ANSWER is for us to live close to a source of good which will draw us, step by step, to believe in and to use our better self. How does one come to appreciate the best in

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music? By steady exposure to good music! There can be no response to quality unless one lives with quality. Spiritually, we know that our better self will be encouraged to gain the superiority over wrong by living close to the highest good we know; and that Good is the Personality of Jesus Christ.

The better self of the prodigal broke through when he began to replace his loyalty to selfish indulgence with an awakening appreciation of the good his God and home meant to him. Our consecration to Christ will lead us from our indulgences into a life steadily ruled by a better self.