

**W.W.P.S.F.D.**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Step - Lesson 12

**IF MY RECOVERY IS GOING TO WORK, WHAT DO I NEED FROM GOD?**

- I need a God who will accept me back when I mess up.
- I need a God who won't reject me for my bad attitudes.
- I need a God who will be patient with me.
- I need a God whose love and forgiveness I can count on, no matter what.
- What else?

**WWPSFD? – What Would the Prodigal Son's Father Do?**

If I'm not sure what God is really like, or I have doubts about how he's going to deal with me, I can look at Jesus' story about the man with the two messed up sons, and ask, "WWPSFD?"

Read Luke 15:11-31.

How did the sons look at their father?

- What did they think he mainly wanted from them?
- What did they think he wouldn't do for them?
- What did they think his attitude would be (or should be) when they messed up?
- What did they think he cared about (and didn't care about)?
- What else?

How do their ideas about their father compare with people's ideas (maybe my ideas!) about God?

What was their father really like?

- What did he really want for his sons?
- How did he treat them when they messed up?
- Did he put any conditions on his acceptance?
- What did he enjoy doing with his sons?
- What else?

What does that tell me about God?

How does that change the way I look at him?