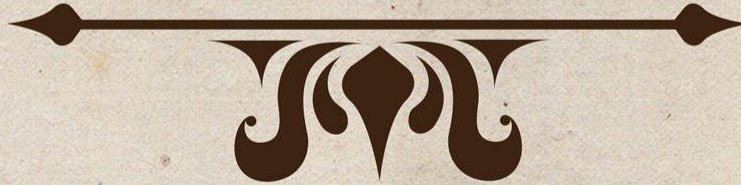




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The Prodigal Father - Luke 15:11-32

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Luke 15:11-24 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. -

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15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. **17** “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! **18** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. -

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19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.” 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. -

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**23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.
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- *Deuteronomy 21:17 but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the firstfruits of his strength. The right of the firstborn is his.*

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I. A father is extravagant in his provisions.

A. He loves and provides for his child.

- *1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

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I. A father is extravagant in his provisions.

B. He allows his child to experience the consequences.

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II. A father is extravagant in his compassion.

A. A rebellious child needs to repent.

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II. A father is extravagant in his compassion.

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II. A father is extravagant in his compassion.

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- *1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 For you know how, like a father with his children, 12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

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III. A father is extravagant in his forgiveness.

A. Acceptance and restoration are essential.

22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

- *Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.*

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III. A father is extravagant in his forgiveness.

B. Celebration confirms that forgiveness has occurred.

23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

- *Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

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IV. A father is extravagant in his patience.

A. Calming the angry and stubborn.

25 “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

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- *Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*
- *Proverbs 19:11 Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.*
- *James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;*

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IV. A father is extravagant in his patience.

B. Reasoning with the jealous and critical.

29 but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'

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IV. A father is extravagant in his patience.

C. Rejoicing with the loyal and wayward.

31 And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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IV. A father is extravagant in his patience.

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- *Proverbs 23:24-25 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. 25 Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.*

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A father is to excessively provide for his child:

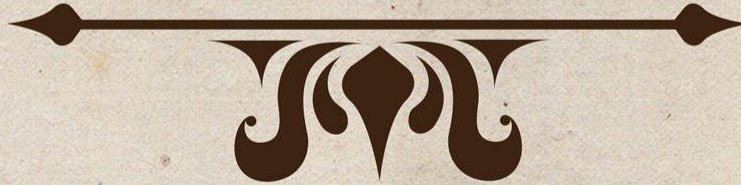
- **Affirmation of their emotions.**
- **Acceptance of who they are, not for how they act.**
- **Appreciation gives them a sense of significance.**
- **Affection shows they are lovable.**
- **Availability conveys their importance to us.**
- **Accountability reminds them that they are responsible to God.**

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