

# Thank You, Dad

*Luke 15:11-32*

**Characteristics to aspire to develop or to be thankful for from Jesus' parable.**

**1. He \_\_\_\_\_ for his family.**

*If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8*

[Jesus said] *"If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15*

**2. Generous beyond \_\_\_\_\_.**

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*Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Luke 15:11-12*

**3. He gave his sons space when it was \_\_\_\_\_.**

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*"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. Luke 15:13*

**Phases parents pass through with their children.**

- D \_\_\_\_\_ , birth thru age 5
- Training, age 6 thru 12
- C \_\_\_\_\_ , during teen aged years
- Friendship, age 20 and up

#### **4. He was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ a serious offense and move on.**

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*After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. **Luke 15:14***

*He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. **Luke 15:16***

*"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! **Luke 15:17***

*I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' **Luke 15:18-19***

*"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. **Luke 15:20***

*"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' **Luke 15:21***

*"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. **Luke 15:22-23***

*Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. **Luke 15:23-24***

#### **5. He loved his sons \_\_\_\_\_ , even though he treated them differently.**

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*"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. **Luke 15:25-26***

*'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' **Luke 15:27***

*“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. **Luke 15:28***

*But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **Luke 15:29***

*But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ **Luke 15:30***

*“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ” **Luke 15:31-32***

## **Ways to Show Dad Appreciation**

- A \_\_\_\_\_ church with him
- Write him a “Thank You” note
- Spend \_\_\_\_\_ with him

*Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **Matthew 22:37-39***

- Honor \_\_\_\_\_ with your Dad

**“A child is not likely to find a Father in God. Unless he finds something of God in his father.” —Austin Sorenson**

*Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. **John 14:23***

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