

# Happy Father's Day!

## Characteristics of the Prodigal Son's Father:

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*"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, keep my commandments." – John 14:15*

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*"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*

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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*

## Gary Ezzo's Four Phases of Parenting:

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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. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses... He said, 'How many of my father's hire men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 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 a servant.' So he got up and went to his father.*

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*But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him and ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.” – Luke 15:14-20*

*“The son said to him, ‘Father I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 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. (He doesn’t have any shoes!) Bring the fattened calf and kill it. (Let’s get some food in this boy!) 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 15:21-24*

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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 his servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound. The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.” – Luke 15:25-28*

*“But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been out slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property comes home... you kill the fattened calf for him!’ “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 15:19-32*

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

### **Five Things Every Man Needs In His Life... His marriage:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

*“The Lord took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden.” – Genesis 2:15*

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*“The Lord took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden... to work it and take care of it.” – Genesis 2:15*

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*“It is not good for a man to be alone.” – Genesis 2:18*

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