

Topic: Nurturing Healthy Families – Part 4

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

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WHAT DO I DO WHEN MY CHILD REBELS?

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

I. STAGE ONE: _____

Luke 15:11 "Father, give me my share".

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

What do you do when your child rebels...

1. You _____
"He set off for distant country."

2. You _____
"He squandered his wealth in wild living."

Proverbs 20:30 (GN) "Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways."

3. You _____
"After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in the whole country and he began to be in need. He went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country who sent him in the fields to feed pigs and he longed to fill his stomach with the pods the pigs were eating..."

II. STAGE TWO: _____

Luke 15:17 "When he came to his senses he said, `How many of my father's hired men have food to spare and I'm here starving to death. I will set out and go back to my father and say to him, "Father, I've sinned against heaven and against you. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired men.""

What do you do during this stage?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

III. STAGE THREE: _____

Luke 15:20 "So he got up and went back to his father. And while he was still a long way off his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him and he ran to his son and threw his arms around him and kissed him."

Three things to do when your child returns...

1. _____ them _____.

"His father saw him and was filled with compassion"

2. _____ them _____.

"He ran out and threw his arms around him and kissed him."

3. _____ them _____.

"But the father said to his servant, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet and bring the fatted calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this my son was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."