

# COMMUNICATING THE FATHER'S HEART

## FATHERHOOD

- A God-given role that carries weight
  1. Many more father issues in society
  2. Can create strong patterns - more caught than taught
  3. The impact of a father lasts long after children have left
- Direct instructions to fathers (***Colossians 3:21 NKJ***)
  1. Don't create an environment that causes discouragement
  2. The end goal of a father's influence- influence them for Christ

## THE FATHER'S HEART (***Luke 15:11-24 NKJ***)

- Jesus provided us with the best example of our Father's heart
  1. The father was approachable
  2. The father was generous
  3. The father was not controlling
  4. The father was compassionate
  5. The father was forgiving

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- Be approachable (***James 1:19 NKJ***)
  1. Slow to blow up opens the door to more dialogue
  2. Being heard is important at any age
- Be generous
  1. More than money (***1 Thessalonians 2:11 NKJ***)
- Believe the best
  1. Allow them to make decisions appropriate for their age
  2. Allow them to take responsibility and even fail
- Be compassionate
  1. Keep an open door
  2. Love them without loving what they do (***1 Peter 4:8 NKJ***)
- Be forgiving not rejecting (***Ephesians 4:32 NKJ***)
  1. Kind and forgiving applies to all of us