



BLOOD OF JESUS PRAYER AND DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

“COURAGE TO KEEP ON LOVING THEM”

Keys to Lasting Happiness in Your Home- Part 4

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STAGES CHILDREN TYPICALLY GO THROUGH

Luke 15

I. At some point kids want to BE THERE OWN BOSS.

Luke 15:11-12 (NIV): *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."*

HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND?

- 1. You DON'T CHASE THEM.**
- 2. You let them make THEIR OWN CHOICES.**

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

- 3. You let them take**

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

Luke 15:14-15 (NIV): *"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."*

II. Pray that they will COME TO THEIR SENSES.

Luke 15:17-20a (NIV): *"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! 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.'* So he got up and went to his father..."

WHILE WAITING FOR THEM TO COME TO THEIR SENSES...

- 4. PRAY.**
- 5. COMMIT YOUR CHILDREN to God.**
- 6. WAIT PATIENTLY for them.**

HOW DO YOU HANDLE YOUR CHILD WHEN HE/SHE RETURNS?

Luke 15:20 (NIV): *So he got up and went to his father. "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."*

1. You LOVE THEM UNCONDITIONALLY.

v. 20 (NIV): *"...his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him..."*

2. You ACCEPT THEM UNCONDITIONALLY.

v. 20: *"...he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."*

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

3. You FORGIVE THEM COMPLETELY.

Luke 15:22-24 (NIV): *"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. 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."*