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Sermon Notes

***“The Loving Father
vs
The Passive Father”***



I. The three characters:

A. The prodigal son.

B. The “good, legalistic brother.”

C. The loving father.

1. He was *approachable*

Luke 15:12-18 The younger one said to his father, 'father, give me my share of the estate.' "So he divided his property between them." Gave his son freedom to make mistakes.

2. He was a *spiritual* father.

Luke 15:18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, "I have sinned against heaven and against you."

3. He was an *affectionate* father.
Luke 15:20 threw his arms around him and kissed him.

4. He was a *forgiving* father.
Luke 15:19-20 "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. 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. "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. "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."

II. What was Jacob like?

A. Father, Israel, Chiseler.

B. Passive father.

C. He exasperated his sons.

Ephesians 6:4

- D. Jacob was a liar, and showed favoritism.
- E. Deceptive-learned from his mother.
- F. Daughter raped **34:1-2**; passive.

G. Sons get revenge-only concerned about his public image.

H. Ruben sleeps with concubine.

I. *Genesis 49:1-4* on his deathbed, the passive father finally addressed the evil that had been done.

III. What is a dad to do today?

A. Good fathering is the most important job men do.

B. Be filled with the Holy Spirit!

C. Love his children: Love is spelled **T I M E.**

D. Love unconditionally.

E. Be involved in their lives.

F. Pray for them. Teach them to pray.

G. Teach them to read and study the word of God. *2 Timothy 3:15-17*

H. Take them to church and worship God. *Proverbs 22:6*

I. Discipline-*Hebrews 12:7-8*

J. Listen and obey. *Ephesians 6:1-4*

K. Provide them a sense of security.

L. Forgive others, God and himself.

M. Be an encourager.

I. Teach them *Deuteronomy 6:1-4* to love God and to love neighbors.

N. Playful.

O. Encourage them in problem solving. (Let them make mistakes.)

P. To trust God for all of our needs.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Q. Appreciates/respects the opposite sex.

R. Pays his bills on time.

IV. What are kids to do today?