

## **The Model Father Luke 15:11-32**

### **I. The model father teaches the principles of the Bible to his children.**

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”  
Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

### **II. The model father has respect for individual autonomy.**

*“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.”  
Luke 15:11-12*

### **III. The model father understands that his children may have to learn some lessons the hard way.**

*<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.’  
Luke 15:17-18*

### **IV. The model father never gives up on his children.**

*“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.”  
Luke 15:20*