

Characteristics of a True Father

Luke 15:11-24

1) Fathers are Patient

- Luke 15:11-12
- It was, *in that culture & time*, akin to saying he wished his father was dead
- 1Tim 6:11, Titus 2:2, 1Corth 13:4
- Rom 15:5, Neh 9:30

2) Fathers are Compassionate

- Luke 15:20
- 1) This was not a chance encounter, 2) The father takes on his son's shame, 3) The father ran to him, 4) The father embraced his son

3) Fathers are Generous

- Luke 15:17
- Luke 15:22-23
- Matt 7:11, Eph 1:7-9
- Eph 3:20, Titus 3:6, 2Pet 1:11, 1John 3:1

4) Fathers are Gracious

- Grace is *unmerited favour* - key point of this parable; Grace of God in salvation
- Eph 2:4-5