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Bible Study

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The Joys of Parenting
Luke 15:20-28

II Chronicles 30:26 reads, *“There was much joy in Jerusalem, because there had not been a celebration like this since the time of Solomon son of David and king of Israel.”* (NCV) This verse records a festive time for the nation of Israel as a result of observing what God did to bring them out of Egypt. There are many examples of men and women in the Bible celebrating various occasions. All children of God should seek to find something to rejoice about on a daily basis in order to maintain a positive and healthy mind set. This lesson is designed to examine a father in the New Testament in order to point out the joys of parenting.

Breakdown of Luke 15:11-32

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| 1. | The | <u>Carelessness</u> | in the family | Verses 11-16 |
| 2. | The | <u>Forgiveness</u> | in the family | Verses 17-24 |
| 3. | The | <u>Stubbornness</u> | in the family | Verses 25-32 |

1. Providing Affection for your children is a joy of parenting.
Verse 20
“So the son left and went to his father. “While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him and hugged and kissed him.” (CEV)
2. Providing Protection for your children is a joy of parenting.
Verse 22
“But the father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.’” (CEV)
3. Providing Direction for your children is a joy of parenting.
Verse 28
“The older son was angry and would not go in to the feast. So his father went out and begged him to come in.” (CEV)
4. Providing Correction for your children is a joy of parenting.
Verse 32a
“We had to celebrate and be happy...” (CEV)
5. Providing Reflection for your children is a joy of parenting.
Verse 32b
“...Because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.” (CEV)

