

## Moving your Kids Forward

Luke 15:11-22 (NIV)

Luke 15:11-13 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. **13** Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

vv. 18-20 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' **20** 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.

Malachi 4:5-6 NKJV Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming.... day of the Lord. **6** And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

1) Attention.

### **How to Keep Your Kids Out of the HOG SLOP!**

3 Ways to give your child the attention they need!

- i) Give them Quality Time: 15 minutes per day of quality time with each child is necessary to raise healthy and well-adjusted kids.
  - ii) Participate in Their Interests:
  - iii) Monitor their Relationships.
- Have Family Nights!

verse 17 "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!

2) Authority.

- a) Don't try to become an expert on Authority, if you are not willing to give your kids Attention!
  - b) Teach Your Kids Boundaries and Consequences.
- i) There is only one thing that changes character is PAIN...

## **Pain changes character**

### Boundaries and Consequences

#### 3) Affection.

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- a) Affectionate Touch
- b) Affectionate Words
- c) Affectionate Expressions of love.