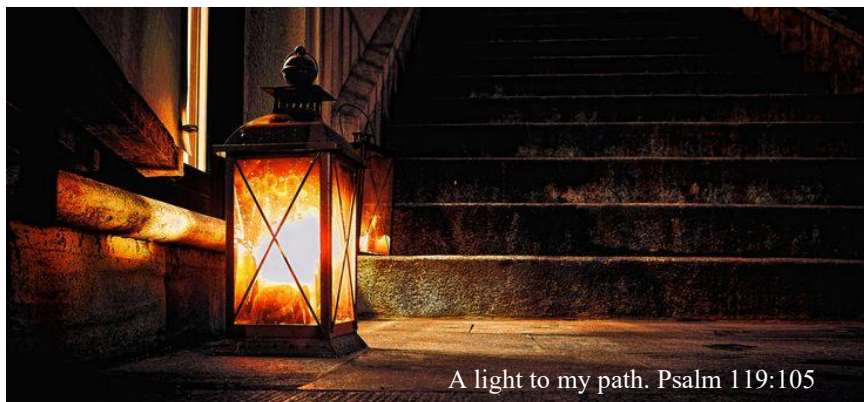




A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

The Role of a Father

God commands fathers not to provoke their children, but to teach and admonish them in the Lord (Ephesians 6:4, NKJV). Neither does God leave fathers without an example of how not to provoke their children. In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus teaches fathers through a word picture how God, his Father, treats a wayward son. The youngest son demanded and received his inheritance before his father died. The father gave the son no stern warning about his conduct. The son left home to live among his friends until both his money and friends were gone. Then a famine came, making it impossible to find work except for feeding a farmer's pigs. In his rock-bottom condition of hunger with no food, the son remembered his father's hired workers had bread to eat. Every day the father looked for his son to return. On his arrival, the father ran to greet him. Instead of rebuking him, he put his own robe of righteousness on his son, a ring of restoration on his finger, shoes of sonship on his feet, and served up a fatted calf, celebrating with joy his son's return home. Uncontrolled anger, harsh words, and rejection brought about by a child's poor decisions only drive them away. Long patience and deep love keep them close. Fathers, if you have a broken relationship with your son or daughter, allow God to help you restore it through his grace and mercy. Happy Father's Day! Shalom!!

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