

Genesis 48:15-16

"... he blessed Joseph, and said, ... the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

Genesis 27:38

"And Esau said to his father,
'Have you only one blessing, my
father? Bless me—me also, O
my father!' And Esau lifted up
his voice and wept."

Ephesians 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,"

Acts2:33

"Being therefore lifted high by and to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promised [blessing which is the Holy Spirit, He has made this outpouring which you yourselves both see and hear."

1 Timothy 5:8

"But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Luke 15:1-3

"Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." So He spoke this parable to them, saying:"

Luke 15:11-32

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him ... Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet."

1. Freedom

"So he divided to them his livelihood." vs.12

Deuteronomy 30:19

"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life,..."

Proverbs 22:6

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

2. Faithfulness

Vs. 18 "I will arise and go to my father,..."

Proverbs 16:6

"Through <u>love and faithfulness</u> sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord evil is avoided."

3. Tenderness

"...fell on his neck and kissed him." vs. 20

Psalm 145:9

"The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works."

4. Forgivness

vs. 22 "Bring out the **best** robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet."

Restoration of position and authority and wealth.

Deals with guilt and shame. Free from actions and shame.

5. Availability

Vs. "Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him..."

Hebrews 13:5

"He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor [c]give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]"

6. Humility

Vs. 31 "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours."

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

7. Example

Vs. 32 "It was right that <u>we</u> <u>should</u> make merry and be glad," **John 15:12**

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

James 1:16

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

