

> WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND?

Expectation #1 - Expect to find ______.

• With a loving Father who ______and _____you.

His father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son, put his arms around him, and kissed him. ²²"The father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring out the best robe, and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let's celebrate with a feast. ... Then they began to celebrate. Luke 15:20, 22-23 (GWT)

• With a rejoicing family who _____and ____you.

Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, ²⁶ and he asked one of the servants what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the calf we were fattening and has prepared a great feast. <u>We are celebrating because of his safe return</u>. Luke 15:25-27 (NLT)

• With a troubling few who ______and _____you.

The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, ²⁹ but he replied, 'All these years I've worked hard for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And...you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. ³⁰ Yet when <u>this son of yours</u> comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the finest calf we have. **Luke 15:28-30** (NLT)

Expectation #2 - Expect to find ______.

Look! For so many years I have been serving you... Luke 15:29a (NASV)

Responsibilities are Gods way of <u>blessing</u> you and others.

Since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁷You know these things--now do them! That is the path of blessing. John 13:14 -17 (NLT)

In everything I've done, I have demonstrated to you how necessary it is to work on behalf of the weak and not exploit them. You'll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, 'You're far happier giving than getting.' Acts 20:35 (MP)

Expectation #3 - Expect to find _____.

I have never neglected a command of yours... Luke 15:29b (NASV)

• Rules are God's way of _____you and others.

Before I suffered, I did many wrong things. But now I carefully obey everything you say. **Psalm 119:67 (**ERV)

The LORD... commanded us to <u>obey all these laws</u> and to fear him for <u>our</u> <u>own prosperity and well-being</u>, as is now the case. Deuteronomy 6:24 (NLT)

Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your law. Psalms 119:18

COMING HOME? WHAT SHOULD HOME EXPECT FROM YOU?

1. Home expects you to ______ with the troubling few.

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. <u>Remember, the Lord forgave you</u>, so you must forgive others.

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

2. Home expects you to ______your celebrating family.

May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:23 (NIV)

3. Home expects you to ______ to, and _____ your loving father.

If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15-16 (NIV)

Loving God means keeping his commandments, and really, that isn't difficult. **1 John 5:3-4** (NLT)

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