

The Plan

Goals

- Change current course
- Provide optimum recovery environment for Prodigal
 - Put responsibility on prodigal
 - Clear boundaries
 - Clear consequences
- End chaos and restore peace to the family

Elements of a good long term plan

- **General**
 - Scripturally based
 - Refined in community
 - All parents in questions must be on the same page as much as possible
 - Keep it simple...look to evaluate the end game, not the details
- **Specific**
 - No tolerance of any thing illegal
 - No drugs of any kind
 - Rules of the house must be clearly outlined
 - Consequences must be specific to the prodigal and should be commensurate with the offense
 - Eg...phone, curfew, car, etc....
- **MUST STAND FIRM WITH THE PLAN**
 - It is only successful if it is implanted unwaveringly
 - Parents must assume the prodigal will push the limits
 - be prepared to deal with threats including the threat of running away, getting pregnant, and even threats of suicide
 - Threat of suicide is usually encountered
- **Tips for standing firm with the plan**
 - Don't start the plan until you are ready..ie don't cry wolf again
 - Daily walk with God
 - Spiritual disciplines
 - In the word
 - Community
 - Community group
 - Prodigal ministry

- **Tips for a successful delivery**
 - Unemotional
 - Ask for forgiveness...
 - Be specific
 - Clearly explain that your ultimate relationship is with God and not with the prodigal and you have drawn away from that...no more !
 - Announce that the old way is gone and that this new plan is real and will be enforced strictly to ensure
 - The best chance of success for the prodigal
 - Restore peace to the family