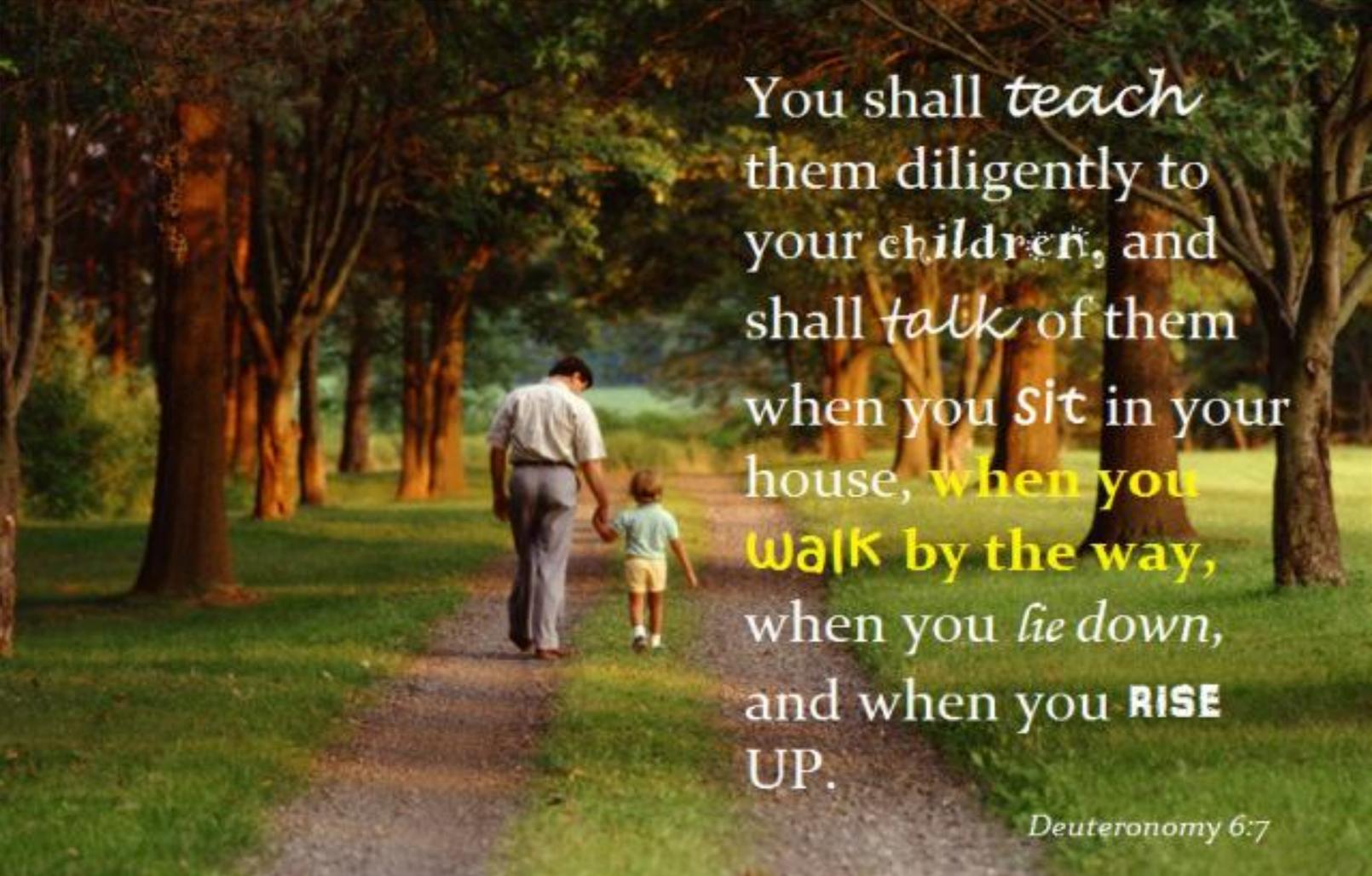




Fathers In Training

The Father who Comforts and Supports



You shall *teach* them diligently to your children, and shall *talk* of them when you *sit* in your house, **when you walk by the way**, when you *lie down*, and when you **RISE UP**.

Deuteronomy 6:7



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A child who receives a fathers comfort and support is more likely to:

Be caring

Compassionate

Feel loved

Giving

Grateful

Hopeful

Positive

Sensitive

Self-confident



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We want to be the kind of father who:

Are there for our children (ALWAYS)

Responds sensitively to a child's fears and hurts

Equips our children to stand up to unhealthy peer pressure, battle insecurity, build healthy friendships, and earn the respect and admiration of their peers.



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We want to be the Father figure who:

Supports our kids through life's trials and difficulties:

2Cor 1:3-4 The Father of compassion and the God of all comfort...

By the power of the Holy Spirit living in us and working through us, we can reflect God's nature of comfort and support to our children in troubled times.

Even in discipline:

Ps23:4 Your rod and your staff they comfort me

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23



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Accepting your limitations (We are imperfect)

We can't stop our kids from being hurt but we can pick them up and comfort them.

We can't stop our kids from making mistakes but we can help them correct them.

We can't protect our kids from disappointment or harm but we can grieve with them.

We can't fix everything that goes wrong in their lives but we can cheer them on.



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Taking time: Something happening or being done; an occasion. This is an event, occasion, or period experienced in a particular way.

Kids spell love TIME

TEACH

INSPIRE

MOTIVATE

EMPOWER

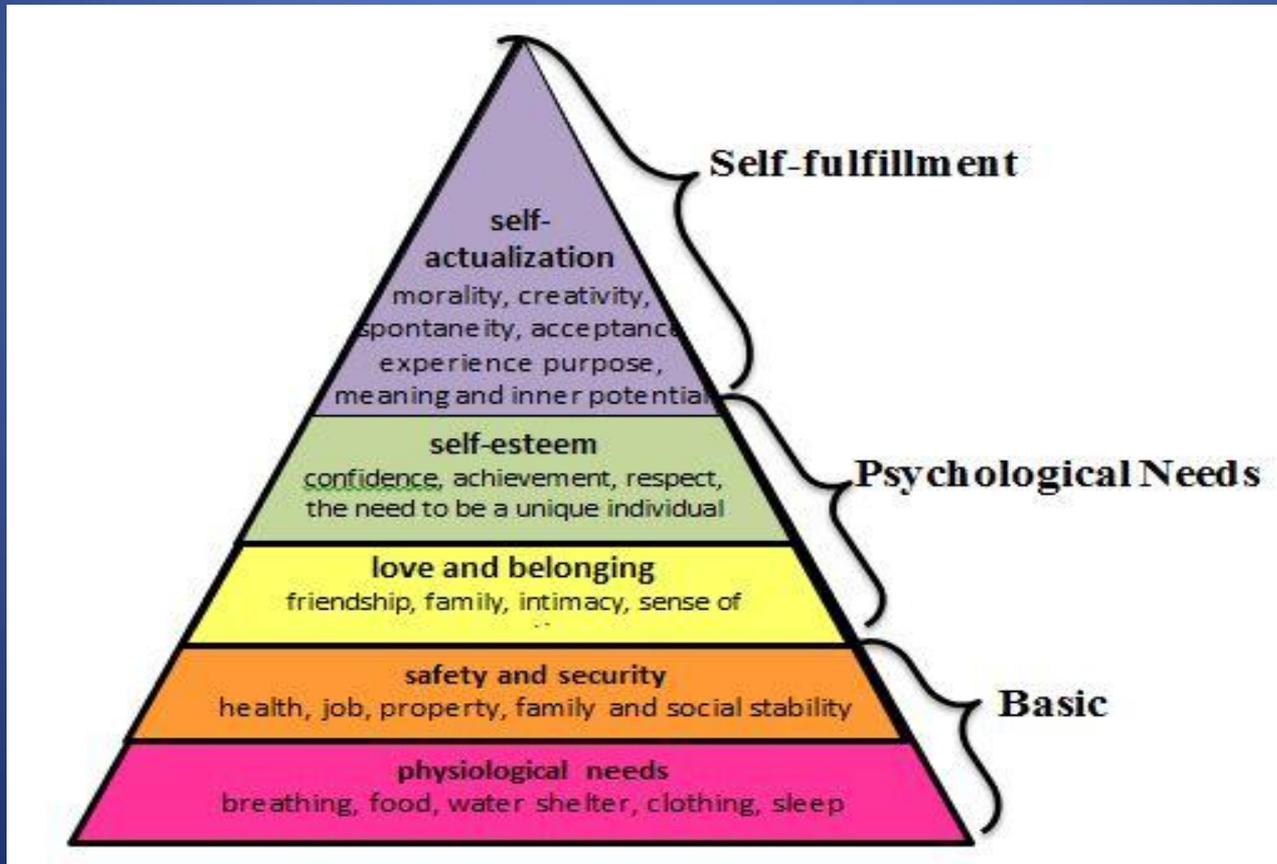
A father who truly wants to reflect the image of the Father of compassion, the God of all comfort, must take time for his children.

Our time with them equates to interest in them



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Gauging their needs: Being sensitive helps to build high self-esteem. Listen, observe, and gauge the feelings and needs that the words and actions reflect.





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Learn the language of comfort and support:

Hurting kids seldom need correction, instruction, or inspiration they need for the father to be there with compassion and support to show I care.

If discipline is necessary after suffering the consequences of misconduct, offer comfort and support first.

Watch your mouth:

Be aware of the power of your words.

Negative words, body language or attitude will alienate a child and they will seek comfort and support elsewhere.



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Entering their world:

Know what your child's interests is right now.

What they think is cool

What they enjoy doing

What kind of friends they have and hang-out with.

Getting to know their world takes TIME and cultivation.



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GO TO YOUR SMALL GROUPS

BE BACK IN HERE BY 745

**I am also the Father who
comforts you in all your troubles...**

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

**When you are broken-hearted,
I am close to you...**

Psalm 34:18

**One day I will wipe away every tear
from your eyes and will take away
all the pain you have ever suffered....**

Revelation 21:4