

“AIM To Be the Best Father You Can Be”

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I. Introduction

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- I Thessalonians 2:11-12 -- “For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, e _____, c _____ and u _____ you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.”
 - E _____ = to p _____ c _____ into someone
 - C _____ = to come a _____ someone who is h _____
 - U _____ -- to live lives w _____ of God

II. A -- A _____

III. I -- Be I _____

- How do you spell “Love”? _____

IV. M -- M _____ C _____ FOR THEM

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- Ephesians 6:4

V. Conclusion

A DAD’S WISDOM

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5 years old: My Daddy knows a whole lot.

6 years old: My Dad is smarter than your Dad.

8 Years old: My Dad doesn’t know exactly everything.

10 years old: In the olden days, when my Dad grew up, things sure were different.

12 years old: Oh well, Dad doesn’t know anything about that. He’s too old to remember his childhood.

14 years old: Don’t pay any attention to my Dad. He is so old-fashioned.

21 years old: Him? No way! He is so out of date.

25 years old: Dad knows about it, but then he should, because he’s been around so long.

30 years old: Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he’s had a lot of experience.

35 years old: I’m not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.

40 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise.

50 years old: I’d give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him.

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 - Comfort = to come alongside someone who is hurting
 - Urge -- to live lives worthy of God

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