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“Timeless Principles for Fathers”
1 Thessalonians 2:11-12
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As the Spiritual Head Coach, Fathers set the direction for the family.
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1 Thessalonians 2:12b

3 TIMELESS PRINCIPLES FOR FATHERING

PRINCIPLE #1: I AM TO ENCOURAGE MY CHILDREN.

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♦ **parakaleō (pä-rä-kä-le'-ō): to stand beside, to exhort, to come to ones aid; one who is called alongside**

PRINCIPLE #2: I AM TO COMFORT MY CHILDREN.

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♦ **paramytheomai (pä-rä-mü-the'-o-mī): alongside with counsel; counsel in order to calm or console**

a. I comfort with the Word of God.

¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any two-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12
(see also: Deuteronomy 6:6-9
memorize: Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 3:20; Proverbs 3:5-6)

Mark 8:35; Romans 8:37)

b. I comfort with my words and tone.

²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children or they will become discouraged.
Colossians 3:21

⁴ Parents, don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful.
Ephesians 6:4 (LB)

PRINCIPLE #3: I AM TO URGE MY CHILDREN.

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♦ **martyreō (mär-tü-re'-ō): to bear witness, to model through lifestyle; to be faithful to the point of death**
(see also: Titus 2:7; 1 Timothy 4:16)

The Prayer of St. Patrick

*I arise today through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's Word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me*

*Christ, shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

*I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.*