

The background is a green marbled paper with a complex, organic pattern of veins and swirls. The colors range from a light, almost white-green to a deep, dark forest green. The overall texture is reminiscent of traditional marbled paper used in bookbinding.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF FATHERHOOD

Fatherhood is Deeply Spiritual!

¹¹As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and **cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!”** And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

2 Kings 2:11-12 (NIV)

²To Timothy **my true son** in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Timothy 1:2 (NIV)

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)

PILLAR ONE: AUTHORITY

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Ephesians 6:1-2 (NIV)

Authority is the Foundation of **Order, Wisdom, and Respect.**

PILLAR ONE: AUTHORITY

⁵ Only a fool despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.

Proverbs 15:5 (NLT)

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land;
²⁰ but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 1:19-20 (NIV)

PILLAR TWO: AFFECTION

'Children, obey **your parents** in the Lord, for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)

Affection is the Foundation of **Belonging** and **Strength**.

PILLAR TWO: AFFECTION

“Emotional deprivation as an infant can leave adults less able to deal with stress...love is the vital nutrient required to build parts of the nervous system.” - Dr. David Hamilton

PILLAR TWO: AFFECTION

Three Components of a Healthy Self-Image:

1. A Sense of Belonging
2. A Sense of Worth and Value
3. A Sense of Competency

- Colleen Birchett, *God's Power to Help Hurting People*

TEAM HOYT: Father and Son Racing Team

- Nearly 1200 events
- 75 Marathons
- 7 Triathlons

“Dad, when I’m running, it feels like I’m not handicapped.”



PILLAR THREE: FAITH

'Children, obey your parents **in the Lord**, for this is right.

Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)

Faith is the Foundation of **Worship** and **Purpose**.

PILLAR THREE: FAITH

“Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, takes off your relish for spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of the body over the mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may seem in itself.” -
Susanna Wesley

PILLAR FOUR: FORGIVENESS

⁴Fathers, **do not exasperate your children**; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

Forgiveness is the Foundation of **Acceptance** and **Freedom**.

PILLAR FOUR: FORGIVENESS

³If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Psalm 130:3-4 (NIV)

⁹Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:9 (NLT)

Mother Teresa, upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, was asked what people could do to promote world peace. Her response was simple: “Go home and love your family.”