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3. The father

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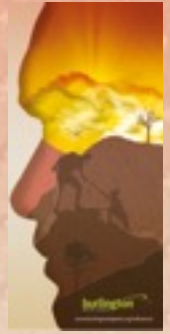
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A large silhouette of a man and a child walking on a hill against a sunset sky. The man is on the left, leaning forward, and the child is on the right, holding the man's hand. The sky is filled with warm orange and yellow light, with a bird flying in the distance and a bare tree on the right. The overall composition is framed by the silhouette of a human head in profile, facing left.

Jacob - too 'busy' for his family



the result was devastating

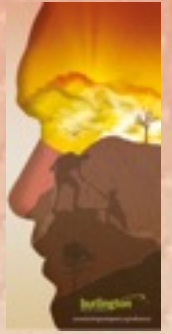
Genesis 37:13

Israel (Jacob) said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."
"Very well," he replied.

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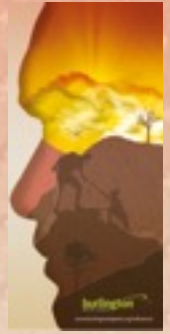
What's your
weakness as a
father?



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Genesis 37:15

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, 'What are you looking for?'

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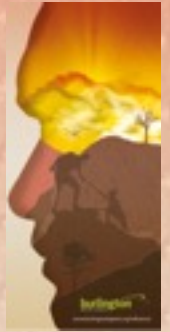
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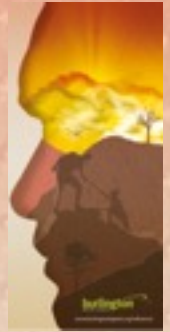
Are father's still too “busy” for their families?

- busy with work
- busy with passions
- busy with self

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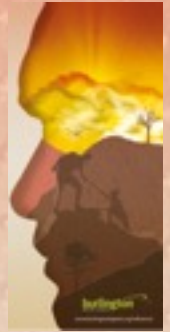
i. be present

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

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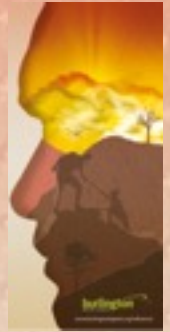
ii. be planned

Psalm 139:16

Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in
your book
before one of them came to be.

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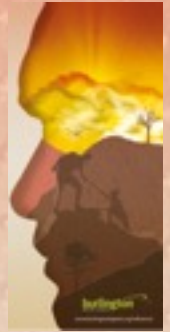
iii. be practical

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

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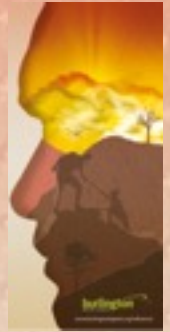
iv. be prepared

Ephesians 5:15-16

Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil

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v. be a pioneer

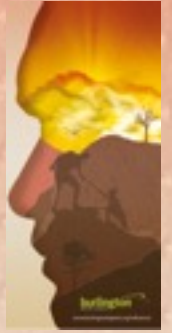
Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

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Small steps BIG difference



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