



FATHERS, LINK WITH THE BUILDING

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I often hear some fathers say "despite all I am doing, they will only remember their mother when they are made". We had a case of a man that ensured that all his sons and daughters were well educated, sound and independent but unfortunately he never had a link with them. He was not always there for them. Yes he provided the money and everything they needed but he was not always there at home for them, there was no link. When they became independent and successful in life they only remembered their mother who was always there to counsel and listen to them. She was always there to feel and ease their pains.

Being a father is not all about providing money for feeding and paying school fees, buying clothes or shouting here and there, being a father is not all about paying bills, being a father is not all about making rules and carrying hard face all in the name of being a disciplinarian. Some will even say I wasn't brought up that way.

The times that we are in are not all about how you were brought up or not. We are in a time where you have to link with your building. You can't be dishing out the money and not be part of the building, if you are not part of the building process, no matter how much you dish out, someone else will link with it and probably live in it.

Your children need you to be part of their lives. Stop providing everything and not being present to ensure that you supervise the performance of your investment in your child. You must be physically and practically on ground to monitor the growth and development of your child and bring out the best in him or her. Stop pushing them to their mother. Stop shutting them up! They also want you to be part of their lives, that's why they want to share their experiences and challenges



with you. Be welcoming, accommodate their views and excesses and correct them with love. Money alone cannot build; you build when you are present and available to supervise what you are building.

Mothers gradually inhabit the building because they are always available and ready to listen. When they grow up they showers their mothers with love and care and you the builder have no place in their hearts because you were not part of their lives. Unfortunately you provided the resources that were used to raise the building but you had no link with it. Relating with your child is not disrespect, its called relationship. You link to bond with your children. You talk with them, you hear them out, you encourage them and be an integral part of their lives. It is not all about the money but your time, your presence, your counsel and your interaction with them.

Fathers create time for them, take them out occasionally; just you and your children, discuss with them and encourage them. Be friendly with them, you must be their first teacher, first priest, first love etc. Let them understand life from your experience and perspective. Call them, chat with them and give them a listening ear.

Most importantly show them the way to achieve their glorious destiny. There is no way you can build a house without giving the architect the idea of what you want, It is with your request that the design is made and the building is erected with lots of supervision. All you are working for may be off track if you are absent in their lives. Fathers link with your building.

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