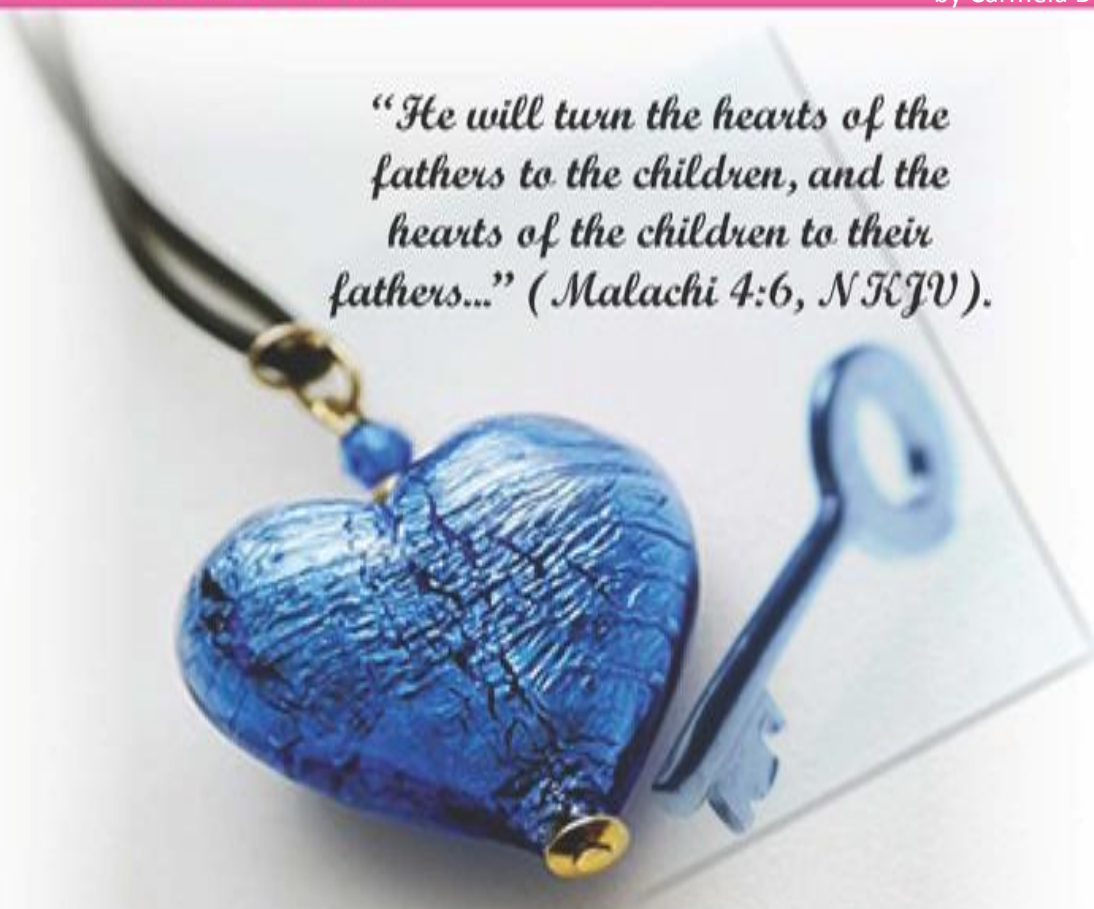


The “Dad Card”

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A blue heart-shaped locket with a keychain and a key. The locket is made of a textured blue material and has a gold-colored ring at the top. A black cord is attached to the ring. A silver key is placed next to the locket on a white card.

“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers...” (Malachi 4:6, NKJV).

The “Dad Card” symbolizes the strong relationship that should exist between a father and daughter—a relationship that assures her that she can invoke her father’s name and authority to seek protection, comfort or security when threatened or in time of need. The relationship must be built over time and, without a doubt, will be tested during the stormy teenage years. This card is to create an opportunity for you to communicate to your daughter that your commitment to her is unconditional and that if, at any time, she needs your covering or protection, you are there for her.

Below are recommendations for presenting the card to your daughter:

- ✚ Arrange for a “Daddy-Daughter Date” at the restaurant of her choice.
- ✚ Have your “Dad Card” ready to present to her. You may want to purchase an appropriate card and place it inside.
- ✚ In addition, consider purchasing a locket with a key to give to her. The locket can be a keychain, necklace or bracelet.
- ✚ Present the gift with the card. Explain to her that her heart is very precious and needs to be protected. As she grows into an attractive young woman, men and boys will begin competing for her heart. The locket is to remind her of the value of her heart and that you hold the key to it for her protection until the right guy comes along and asks you for the key.

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