

Trust

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***The child has not walked, anticipates that,
makes every effort privately.
But the universal urge of parents,
to be there for that first step, be involved.***

***As the child displays so much enthusiasm in this "first"
parents are there to lend encouragement.
Most often one parent holds the child by both hands,
both laughing in anticipation.***

***The other stands a distance off, hands out,
smiling, saying things the child can not understand,
but the happiness, smile of the parents is overpowering. Then the
child makes one, two,
at times many steps, alone. Victory.
Then waddling everywhere with no helping hand.***

***Later this gets that child into trouble.
Falls. Bumps the head, Laughs, Cries, Joyful.***

But that first victory began with mutual trust.

***And this is universal between child and parent.
Taught as a child, the parent has no doubt that this trust is eternally
transferable, to the next generation.
Few fail.***

***Wonderful is the child who can say, in old age,
as a friend once said to me,
my farther was the first and only hero I had.
Trust was his foundation.***