

Fatherly Advice

Opening Story - Seeing my dad's double

Note - The idea of having big shoes to fill.

Proverbs 1:8, Listen, my child, to the instruction from your father, and do not forsake the teaching from your mother.

Five Things I Learned From My Dad

1. Work hard.

Example - Dad as a pastor, contractor and farmer

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. 12 Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.

Note - Too many of us have a million dollar dream and a minimum wage work ethic.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat." 11 Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. 12 We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living.

Note - The shortage of labor today because of government handouts. This is unChristlike!

Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...

Note - Don't just work at work. Work at relationships, work at discipleship, work at stewardship, etc.

2. Put your family first.

Note - Dinner, vacations, family gatherings, family devotions, etc.

1 Timothy 5:8, But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

Example - Pastor Denny's comments about family.

3. Live with integrity.

Example - Dad decreasing the percentage of his tithe income.

Proverbs 11:3, The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Quote - "Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching."

Proverbs 20:7, The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.

4. Don't give up on people.

1 Corinthians 13:7, Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Note - This doesn't mean we shouldn't have healthy boundaries.

Example - Dad's attitude toward those who left our church and even said unkind things about him.

Note - You never know when you might need to cross the bridge you're burning today!

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change you're bringing today.

Example - Paul and John Mark
Dad didn't give up on me!

5. Talk to Jesus.

Quote - Let us have a little talk with Jesus (let us) tell
Him all about our troubles (He will) hear
our faintest cry (and He will) answer by
and by. When we know a little prayer
wheel's turning (we will) know a little fire is
burning (we will) find a little talk with Jesus
makes it right.

Jeremiah 33:3, Call to me and I will answer you and tell
you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

Example - Dad's prayers for me.

Song - Talking to Jesus