

10 THINGS MY FATHER TAUGHT ME

God's Word says to "Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." This is the first command with a promise. Our lives are intricately connected to our parents. Here's some the valuable characteristics my father taught me.

(1) Keep and Value Your Friends

Prov 27:10 Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father, and do not go to your brother's house when disaster strikes you--better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

(2) Be Friendly and Treat Everybody With Dignity

1 Peter 2:17 Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

(3) Always have Something Going

Eccl 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

(4) Have a Sense of Humor

Prov 17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

(5) Be Faithful

Prov 20:6 Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?

"One of the greatest legacies a father can leave his children is to love their mother." C. Neil Strait

(6) Take Advantage of all God has Given You

1 Tim 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

(7) Have Courage!

Courage is "firmness of mind and will in the face of danger or extreme difficulty."

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

(8) Work Hard!

1 Thes 4:11-12 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

(9) Men Need Women

Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

(10) Be Positive in a Negative World (Better Days are coming!)

1 Thes 4:18 Therefore encourage each other with these words