

The dad we need

Here's my recipe for a great dad.

First, he is a man whose trust is in God.

Second, since God looks for truthfulness, this is another desirable quality for any dad. “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.” Proverbs 12.22 (NIV).

Third, one thing a woman admires in a man is the kind of courage that willingly stands up for what is right. Of course, knowing what is or isn't right calls for knowing the truth as it is found in God's Word.

Fourth, a kind dad uses words of encouragement to others and is therefore sensitive to his wife's and children's needs. His declarations of love can be taken seriously.

Fifth, being unselfish is also a vital aspect of true manliness. Jesus demonstrated this when he said that he himself “did not come to be served, but to serve.” Matthew 20.28.

Sixth, trustworthy men understand the power of promises, so they are careful with their words. People expect them to do what they say. To sum up, we can say that such a dad will be safely loved because he will be faithful and true.

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What power there is in the good example of just one man.

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