

Anchor Man by Steve Farrar (1998)

What my descendants will be is more important than who my ancestors were. Compound interest is a wonderful financial principle that most of us learn too late in life. Spiritual obedience works the same way (the small deposits add up to good character). A certain type of bamboo needs to be tended to for years with no visual results, but the 5th year it grows 90 feet in 30 days. The Chinese word for “crisis” is made up of two characters: danger & opportunity.

Statistically, kids who come from a fatherless home have a rough life ahead. Adult kids from divorced homes are 4x more likely to get divorced themselves. **The best thing a dad can do for his kids is to love & honor their mom.** Read to your kids bible stories & encourage them to spend time with God. The first 7 years are critical to set the foundation. Once a week have a family game night. There is nothing more difficult for a father to give his children than his time. God bends a child a certain way for a reason, we need to help them see & appreciate that strength.

Create memorial stones. **Tell our children the mighty things God has done in our lives** & living examples of God’s faithfulness. If you never have a need, then you never get to see the Lord do something great. Children who come from constructive atmospheres tend not to marry people who are destructive. Avoid 3 sins: lying, disobedience & disrespect. When you listen to child you are subconsciously telling that child he is important. Read the 7-generation legacy of James Taylor on page 230.

Personality types: Gary Smalley & John Trent help us understand who we live with.

LION: Leaders are assertive, determined, confident, competitive, stubborn & self-sufficient.

OTTER: are fun, spontaneous, flexible, dramatic, optimistic, impulsive & disorganized.

BEAVER: are builders, analytical, objective, serious-minded, critical & demanding.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER: are loyal, cooperative, compassionate, lack conviction & lazy.

Books: Never Walk Away (Crawford Loritts), Seven Kinds of Smart (Thomas Armstrong), You & Your Child (Chuck Swindoll), Life Work (Bob Biehl), Different Children, Different Needs (Charles Boyd)

Quotes:

“What makes greatness is starting something that will live after you.” (Ralph Stockman)

“Satan watches for those vessels that sail without a convoy.” (George Swinnock)

“Our greatest legacy will be those who live eternally because of our efforts.” (Wayne Willis)