

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)