

Principles for My Son

Twelve principles for raising a boy who becomes a man of conviction in a confused age.

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A Note From Your Father My son, I am writing these principles so that, whatever life throws at us, you will never be in doubt about what I believe, what I pray for you, and how I expect you to walk as a man . These are not slogans. They are anchors for when life feels confusing, unfair or overwhelming. {/ stripped: duplicate frontmatter block /} 2. Guard Your Integrity at All Costs There are things you can lose and recover: money, deals, opportunities. There are things you cannot easily recover: trust, honour, credibility . - Say what you mean. - Do what you said you would do. - If you fail, own it quickly and repair it fully. I would rather see you honest and struggling than successful and crooked. {/ stripped: duplicate frontmatter block /} 4. Work Hard, Work Smart, Rest Well Laziness will quietly erode your potential. Workaholism will quietly erode your soul. - Learn to work hard - with focus, discipline and excellence. - Learn to work smart - prioritise, think, plan. - Learn to rest well - sleep, take breaks, enjoy beauty and silence. You are not a machine. You are a man created for purpose, not just output . {/ stripped: duplicate frontmatter block /} 6. Choose Your Friends Carefully The people you walk with will shape: - Your habits - Your decisions - Your vision of what is "normal" Walk with men who: - Tell you the truth - Challenge you when you drift - Celebrate your growth without envy Do not confuse attention with loyalty . {/ stripped: duplicate frontmatter block /} 8. Learn to Handle Money Wisely Money is a tool, not a master. - Live below your means. - Avoid unnecessary debt. - Give generously and quietly. - Save and invest with patience, not greed. If you master your appetites, you will not be easily mastered by money. {/ stripped: duplicate frontmatter block /} 10. Build for Legacy, Not Just for Today Life is short. Eternity is long. People are watching even when you think they are not. Ask yourself often: - _"What am I building that will outlive me?