The Third Sunday in June is Father's Day

Don Mathis has collected proverbs from papas around the world and invites you to answer this question:

What Did Your Dad Tell You?



Help ever, hurt never.
Don't trust anyone that says "trust me."
Use the proper tool for the job.
Don't put it down. Put it away.
Before you sit, check for toilet paper.
It may be a bad day, not a bad life.
Clean your kitchen at night so it's nice in the morning.
Never complain about the service until the food is served.
Don't ever take a sleeping pill with a laxative.
You can't change the wind, but you can adjust your sails.
Don't save nice things for later. You may never get the joy of using them.
If they are talking to you about someone, they will talk about you.
If you want it done right, do it yourself.
Don't skimp on shoes or mattresses; you spend 2/3 of your life in one, 1/3 on the other.
Do one thing. Then do one thing more.
Don't get offended unless offense was intended.
Ask yourself if it will matter in five years.
The only failure in life is the failure to learn.
Don't spend money you don't have.
If in doubt…don't.
When you're in a hole, stop digging
Don't beat yourself up, the world will do that for you.
Measure twice; cut once.
It's better to have it and not need it then to need it and not have it.
Work smarter not harder.
Don't lie to your doctor.
It's okay to ask for help.
If it's stupid and it works, it's not stupid!
Love many, but trust few.
Always paddle your own canoe.
If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
Don't get greedy.
Give yourself time to cry.
The past is a foreign country and we don't travel there anymore.
Always pee before you leave.
What other people think of you is none of your business.
When someone shows you who they are, believe them.
Keep your mouth closed when you're cleaning the chicken coop
A short pencil is better than a long memory.

—Don Mathis

The carnation's association with fatherhood is said to stem from its traditional meanings of love, admiration, and gratitude. It is also said to represent the qualities of strength and resilience, which are often associated with fatherhood.







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