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It is said the top ten endearing qualities of dads are the following\*:

- Dependable
- Involved
- Compassionate
- Valuing of mother
- Empathetic
- Verbally expressive
- Human
- Honest
- Playful
- Industrious

When these ten qualities are demonstrated in a father, there is a great possibility a son or daughter will find in this man a role model.

These are qualities that are inherent in the title "Dad." But what does this look like?

It is being there whenever possible at the events that are important to his children. It's caring enough and being emotionally committed to give his time to his children and demonstrate his love to his family. It's the ability to verbally ex-

press the words, "I love you!" It is being honest enough to validate his humanity by letting his children know that sometimes even Dad makes mistakes. It is being serious enough to be the role model who exemplifies all these qualities, while at the same time being fun to be with and reminding his children in playful moments that Dad's a cool guy!

Although all of these things are important in a man's demonstration of fatherhood, his greatest example is when his children know he loves and values their mother. He does this by operating with a passion that motivates his sons to one day want to be dads, while motivating his daughters to want to marry a man just like him.

The job is never easy; but he will never quit, long after his children have left home and started families of their own. Why? Because that is what a dad looks like!

- Dr. L.W. Edwards

\*[thefatherheart.org/the-purpose-of-a-father/](https://thefatherheart.org/the-purpose-of-a-father/)



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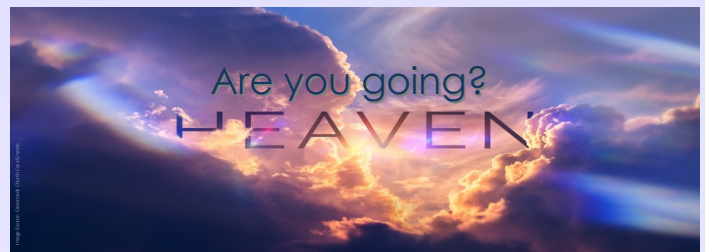
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*It may be hard on some fathers not to have a son, but it is much harder on a boy not to have a father. – Sara D. Gilbert*

**T**he Last Dance, a recent ESPN documentary about Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls, highlighted a significant-but-often-overlooked catalyst in Jordan's success: his relationship with his father, James. Speaking to columnist Bob Greene one month after James' tragic murder, Michael said he wanted his father to be in the stands during his games because, "When he's there, I know I have at least one fan." [1]

At Michael Jordan's first retirement press conference, he said of his father, "The most positive thing I can take from my father not being here with me today is that he saw my last basketball game. And that means a lot." [2]

What is a father? Television has tried to define the ideal figure to fill this role. More often than not, especially over the last several decades, screenwriters' efforts have emphasized all of the wrong attributes. Those who have logged more than a few credit hours of study under Professor Television's teaching might conclude a father is someone who is a bumbling idiot, abusive, lazy, unfaithful . . . >>> [Full Article](#)



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