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Parental Wisdom – Emails

Dad, I want to be just like you

A wise person once said that a father's love for his children is greater than the children's love for the father. The magnitude of that love cannot be appreciated until a child becomes a father himself.

Today's fathers are very involved in their children's lives. They change diapers, coach sports, chaperone school trips, help with homework, give baths, and tuck children into bed. Non-custodial fathers without even knowing the schedule, show up at their children's sporting events because it's important for them to be there.

Dads are good at being dads. But are we still good at being children? If your father is still with you, do you appreciate him?

The objective of our daily inspirational call line this week is simple; to remind you how lucky you are that you can tell your dad how much you care. Better yet, perhaps we can even change some behaviors:

- You will not let the call go to voice mail when you see his familiar number appear on caller id.
- You will listen to his stories one more time, just as he read the same story to you hundreds of times.
- You will tell him how much you appreciate what he means to you now, and how much you learned from him rather than wait till you deliver a heartfelt eulogy
- That he taught you everything you need to know about character and perseverance by the simple eloquence of his example

I was inspired by [Annie Fox](#), a Parental Wisdom advisor, who wrote a letter of thanks to her dad, who she lost too early.