“10 Tools Every Father Needs”
From the new national best-seller “Be a Better Dad Today Ten Tools Every Father Needs” by Gregory W. Slayton (www.BeABetterDadToday.com)

#1: Family First/Fun
Many men turn professional success, the progress of their favorite sports team(s) or even their golf games into an idol. Instead, husbands/fathers need to make fun times with their families a top priority. Having fun with your family today (and it doesn’t have to be expensive or hugely time consuming) is the best way to make your family stronger for tomorrow…and your kids and wife will love it.

#2: All-in Marriage
Avoid ALL competitors to affection for your wife (eg…porn, infidelity, workaholism, etc). Learn to love her the way she needs love the most – and she will return that blessing.

#3: True Moral Compass & True Humility
The most important legacy we can pass on to our kids is a strong set of ethics & time-tested values. Fathers model these by their own example, including the example of humility by asking for forgiveness and setting things right when we mess up.

#4: Heartfelt Love
Dads need to learn the “love languages” of each member of their family and practice them regularly. Heartfelt love is expressed by commitment, fidelity, grace & tenderness.

#5: Empowering Servant Leadership
Find regular ways to put your family’s wants & needs above your own. Model spiritual leadership for your family – and you will see them become servant leaders themselves over time. Dads set the tone for the family – as leaders always set the tone in all organizations.

#6: Relationship Tools that Work
Learn to listen and connect on a deep, emotional level with each member of your family. This is probably one of the Ten Tools where many of us dads are weakest. But it’s one of the things our wife and children need most from us.

#7: Heaven’s Help
In order to be the best Father you can be to your family, we all need help from our Heavenly Father. Fortunately, He is right there to help.

#8: Other Good Dads
Successful dads surround themselves with men of commitment, character and competence. These good and godly friends support, encourage & challenge us to be the best dads we can be. That’s what true friends are for.

#9: Optimistic, Never-Surrender Attitude
A no-divorce commitment/attitude is important, but that doesn’t make a marriage good. Optimism is also essential because it give us hope that things will become better.

#10: Dynamic, Whole-Person Support
Beyond financial support, find ways to emotionally, physically, mentally & spiritually support your family. And if the job gets in the way, it’s time to make changes.

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