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In just about every way imaginable--I have failed my son, with time preserving each mistake beyond the reach of repair. I can only hope that he does not follow the steps of men like me, and heed this advice:

- Avoid young, naive girls
- Under absolutely no circumstance date a married--or engaged--woman/girl. (Only a suicidal *idiot* would go after a girl wearing a ring; or think a girl that leaves another for them, is worth chasing in the first place. Home-wreckers are scum of scum: this goes for the promised who break promise, and those who move to ... entice them into it. Narcissists, the whole lot. I know--because I was once like them.)
- Love, and love well--earn trust, and keep it honorably
- Treat women as equal, and with respect.
- Don't smoke tobacco, or use tobacco products.
- No drugs; or acquaintance of druggies
- Vote
- Continue education as a life-long endeavor
- Read *Esquire* magazine!
- Smile, genuinely



"I think that man was put here on Earth to live, not just to exist."

--Evel Knievel, his deadpan response just before being lowered--by crane--into his Skycycle intended to soar 1,600 feet across Idaho's Snake River Canyon.

