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## The Time-Conscious Dad

*...He Values Today while the Clock Ticks Away*

SAGLE—“Being a dad is the greatest gift a guy could ever have; cherish it and respect it because that’s the best thing that could ever happen to you,” says Joey Few of parenting one-year-old Aiden.



“Even when you’re tired, even when you don’t feel like doing the stuff, you just have to do it; you only have one opportunity,” he advises.

Father, son, and two cats hang out in the shop frequently on the Few property and Aiden drives his dad’s excavator from his dad’s lap now and then. “The number one thing is spending as much time as possible with your kids—being there and showing them stuff,” he said.

“Time is fleeting, right? They need you even when you’re tired because although you might wish, ‘I hope they’ll be able to do *this* someday,’ or ‘I hope they’ll be able to do *that* soon,’ you’re wishing away the present moment. Cherish the moments that you have right now because (those moments) are going to be gone,” he said.

He reads and tells stories often to Aiden and teaches his son about the world while washing dishes in the kitchen and during countless other interactions at home and elsewhere. “Just teach, and let them join in,” he said.

“There’s always going to be problems and always going to be things to do; no matter how much you get done today, there’s still going to be plenty to do today and tomorrow—chores, work, everything. So go out and try to cherish things like *today* with your children,” he said.

“Cherish and respect fatherhood even when you’re tired and don’t feel like doing something. Love them, cherish them. Just don’t rush them; that way, you won’t regret that you didn’t have enough time with them.”

**“Just be there in your child’s life—even when you’re tired.”**  
— Joey Few