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The Smart Dad's Guide to Daughters

101 Real-World Tips to Improve Your Relationship and Save Your Sanity

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Dale Reeves and Jess MacCallum write a thoughtful and insightful book for every dad with a daughter or daughters. This easy-to-read, common sense filled book takes dads on a guided tour of life with a girl from birth till the day she leaves. From the fun early years of being daddy's little princess through to the day she walks out the door this books breaks down the years into a 101 tips to not just survive but truly become a "smarter" dad. Each of the real-life tips not only offers every day wisdom, but also includes a closing scripture, set of questions, or challenge for each.

This book is great as a one-time read or a 101 day study. It may also serve as a dad's ongoing guidebook to be used over the years, broken down in to four main seasons in a daughter & dad's life together.

1. Little Princess

Daddy's little girl is a special time in life. This is a time for smart dads to play dress up, paint nails, do makeovers, and even shop at the mall while be still being unapologetic about being a man. This is the time in a girl's life where dad can be goofy and silly while also establishing himself as male role-model, protector and spiritual leader.

Through the moments of daddy-daughter dates and special goodnight kisses, smart dads teach their daughter trust, love, and Godliness. In this stage of life this is the time when daughters also begin to discover themselves as a girl through their dad's guidance, teaching, and his showing of respect for her mother.

Even though there is going be tough moments of discipline and corrections there is in this stage golden moments to set the correct foundation for the years to come.



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2. Can You Say Gawky

As the years progress the little princess grows into a gawky little girl where little giggles turn into girly squeals and life is more than just imaginary friends it begins to be real friends.

This is the time of life when daddy's little girl is now just daddy's girl. In this time, it is when church attendance is more important than ever. Smart dads will find in this season of life a growing independence challenging while still taking advantage of moments of holding hands, hanging out, telling jokes. Smart dad will know enough however to knowing when he is being an embarrassment

During these years a girl will start wanting to know her value to her dad and in the world. She wants to hear and know she is heard and her opinion is important. Things like coaching her team, teaching her Sunday School class, and even surprising her with a trip or present show her she and her interests are important.

These are also the years of transition as it is a time to have a private diary, use/have a phone, and begin talking about dating even though it is hopefully a ways off.

3. Creature From Another Planet

Who is this girl? Where did the years go? Her first period is here, celebrate it with dignity! She wants to listen to her music in the car, let her and try to enjoy it. This is the time to be her biggest fan, by complimenting her in front of others, brag about her, and yes, even eat something she cooked for you.

These are also years of being invested in boys with that comes- boy-craziness, heartbreak, meltdowns and dad being cool around her guy friends.

These years also bring more even more independence and less time for dad and daughter, so smart dads remember special days, take time teach to driving, find common ground when he can, and still find time to take a walk and talk with his daughter.

4. Darn, She Is Basically a Woman

The time is short now and smart dads need to get their daughter ready for the real world with its successes and defeats. Getting her ready to leave by take her shopping for her first



car and other life changes. When the day finally arrives the smart dad knows it is time to let go. He helps his daughter to move into her own place whether it is a dorm, an apartment or house.

Worthy of the read and the purchase, this book is a great resource for families with girls of any age. No matter what stage of life a dad currently find's himself in, this book is an outstanding tool to have.

Pick up a copy today you won't regret it and your daughter will appreciate your smart insights that you have on who she is and her life because of it.

