

My Role Model

A good role model can be one of the most influential and defining people in a teen's life. A role model is like a guardian angel, someone that you can turn to in life when things get tough. They help solve your problems and guide you toward the right choice. I'm extremely proud to say that my role model, my guardian angel, is none other than my father.

My story is going to be different than everyone else. Mine isn't about some actor I've never met or some athlete I admire. I wrote about my dad, somebody I see day to day that I know is a worthy role model to keep me on the right path. To begin, Four years ago, my father converted from being Baptist to Catholic. He wanted our family to all be of one faith and to help my brother and I to have a deeper relationship with God. Now sit back and think about that one. A man so loving and devoted to his family he would switch a religion now that is something I can definitely look up to.

Next, my dad is my role model because I see traits that I admire and hope one day to acquire in him. He is one of the most patient people I can think of. I remember one time we were working together on building a toy train table for me to play with. I was so frustrated by the mistakes I was making, so I started snapping at my dad. Rather than yelling back, he came over and showed me how to do the parts I was stuck on. Now that I'm older I see how much patience and tolerance was shown there. He helped me even when I was being mean to him. He is also very generous and caring. Whenever we have a large snowstorm, you'll hear an engine start then see him walking up and down peoples' driveways with his little red snow blower making life easier for people that can no longer shovel. He is also the king of chivalry. He is your classic hold open the door, give up his chair on the bus, what ever you can think of in a gentlemen.

I respect my dad because he is hard working and honest. He is not a morning person but gets up every day and goes to work early to manage a computer network at the VA Hospital. He cares about people he never met and ensures their prescriptions come up right and their equipment for testing is running properly. Then after a long, hard day, he supports my family in every activity we participate in. I can not tell you how much it means to me to walk out on a concert stage and see him sitting behind the camcorder. One time I was in a football game and he had my mom on her cell phone the whole time because he was out of town and did not want to miss a second of my game.

In conclusion, the dictionary says that a role model is someone that sets a good example, or a person that should be studied or copied. My father is honestly and truly both. Hopefully one day I'll be as influential for my child as my father is for me, my true guardian angel.

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