

51 Empowering Rules from Your Father as You Go Away to University Father to Son

1. Do everything you do for God, not man. Glorify God in all you do.
2. Go to church and be actively involved.
3. Always be respectful because that's who you are.
4. Don't say things about people behind their backs that you are not willing to say to their faces.
5. Choose your friends wisely.
6. Don't lead women on.
7. Always be a gentleman who shows respect to the opposite sex.
8. Do not awaken love before it's time.
9. Embarrass sin before sin embarrasses you.
10. Keep yourself pure for the woman you will marry.
11. Don't be greedy in any aspect of your life.
12. Be curious about people. It helps you listen and ask good questions.
13. Listen well. Practice active and empathic listening. Good listening skills are one of the most underrated capabilities.
14. Focus in class.
15. Don't miss lectures.
16. Keep in touch with your parents regularly.
17. Set a good example and influence your younger brothers positively.
18. Stay in touch with your brothers.
19. Challenge and stretch yourself in sports.
20. Maintain a very high academic standard.
21. Don't compare yourself to others; compare yourself to your potential.
22. Keep a good attitude because your attitude determines your altitude.
23. Run your own race. Your life is unique.
24. Keep your heart clean by forgiving. Never allow bitterness or resentment to fester.
25. Don't see yourself as superior to others. You are where you are because of God's grace.
26. Stay humble.
27. Always give God the glory and praise for all your achievements.
28. Guard your thoughts. You are as spiritual as your thoughts.
29. Manage your time well. You are accountable for how you use it.
30. Pre-decide how you will spend your weekends. The unprepared person will always be at the mercy of the prepared person. If you don't plan your weekends, you will always be on someone else's program.
31. See God as the source of your promotion, not man.
32. Seek clarity from your lecturers or other students when you don't understand something. Don't leave it too late. Don't be too proud to ask for help.
33. Keep your parents informed about important things in your life.
34. Schedule time to pray and read or listen to your audio Bible.
35. Watch what you eat. Do everything in moderation.
36. Assess yourself. Reflect on your week every week. Self-assessment is a key to greatness.
37. Always have clear goals in all areas of life: health (fitness, mental health, and nutrition), spiritual, sports, future marriage, family, academic, career, financial, social, and recreational.

38. Give yourself permission to tell your own story. If you don't, someone else will tell it for you, and you might not like their version.
39. Always have a servant's heart.
40. Proactively greet people, regardless of their position, whether it is a cleaner or the vice chancellor.
41. Smile a lot. In the science of likeability, it makes you approachable.
42. Apologize promptly when you need to.
43. Always communicate appreciation when necessary. Don't take anyone for granted.
44. Always drive carefully and responsibly. Never enter a vehicle driven by someone who has been drinking.
45. Live out your values and never be ashamed of your standards.
46. Never succumb to peer pressure. Instead, influence and challenge others to do good.
47. Don't be ashamed of your faith.
48. Remember that you will reap what you sow, good or bad, based on your lifestyle.
49. Be generous with your finances and material goods. Be an uncommon giver.
50. Always be a team player in sports and in life. Remember, we are better together.
51. When you find yourself struggling with any of these, talk about it with an accountability partner or your parents.