

~a collection of practical advice as my sons were growing up...  
and given to them when they left home for their college experiences~

Love God with all your heart. Seek His grace and guidance every single day.  
Say "THANK YOU" a lot.  
Be the first to say "hello".  
Forgive others quickly. Don't hold grudges.  
Use people's names in conversations.  
Give a firm handshake.  
Look people in the eye.  
Go out of your way to tell someone they did good, give a lot of high fives.  
Your reputation is your most valuable possession...protect it.  
Build time into your life to cultivate a few good friendships.  
Pray first. Pray a lot.  
Believe God for great things.  
Build a great friendship with your brother.  
Admit your mistakes.  
Don't aim for popularity—aim to be a man of character.  
Smile a lot...laugh a lot.  
Laugh at yourself.  
Compliment three people every day.  
Live by the golden rule: Do unto others as you would want them to do to you.  
Keep a special place in your heart and life for your mom.  
Defend the underdog.  
Never miss the chance to say, "I love you".  
Devour the book of Proverbs.  
Take the initiative. Be an influencer of others for good.  
Be optimistic...see problems not as obstacles but as His opportunities.  
Read a lot...this is one of the best ways to enlarge your mind and heart.  
Give people more than they expect...and do it cheerfully.  
Marry someone you love to spend time with. Companionship is the heart of a marriage.  
Always give your employer an honest day's work.  
The most important quality for you at work is not skill, education or productivity—it is your ATTITUDE. A good attitude communicates "I'm grateful for this job and I want to do all I can to make those I work for succeed."  
Autograph your work with excellence. Remember you ultimately work for the Lord.

I love you, sons...always have...always will...  
Dad

circa 1997 and 1999 - Chuck Olson, proud father of Boe Olson and Dusty Olson, freely declares it is by God's grace alone that both adult sons love Jesus wholeheartedly.



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