10 Things I Wish My Father Had Told Me

My father had rules. They governed everything from his clothing to his business dealings to a day at the ballpark, and they were based on the notion that there are certain things a Good Man does and certain things he doesn’t do.

Recently, I set about compiling a list of his rules with the goal of presenting my own future offspring with an instruction manual for proper living. But for every one of my dad’s sartorial commandments or motivational sports idioms, there was something else I wish he had told me. Some maxim drilled into me that could have helped me get a job, get laid, or just spared me some embarrassment along the way to becoming a man. What follows are my top 10 things I wish Dad had told me.

10. How to fish