**The Baker’s Dozen for Dads to Lead Their Daughters Spiritually:**

1. Let her see you engaging in your own spiritual practices. You all know the quote by now: *more is caught than taught.*

2. Pray with her about things going on in her life. This means that you’re asking her questions (about her life, boys, school, work, commitments, friends, activities, etc.).

3. Write out a prayer for her in a note, a text, or an email.

4. Tell her what God is doing in your life. Talk about answers to your prayers.

5. Open up about what you’re learning from the Bible or spiritual book or study. But not in a way that preaches at her or has hidden statements to convict her. This is about you sharing what you are gleaning spiritually in your own life.

6. Share how God is convicting you. This one may be harder to be open about and one where discretion obviously is warranted. But if you let your daughter know how God is speaking to you, modeling the fact that you are listening and responding, this will go farther than any lecture you can ever give her.

7. Reveal your own questions about spiritual things. Let her know you have questions about God, the Bible, theology, church parties, etc. while demonstrating that asking questions is normal and healthy. Find answers to her questions and make it a fun, creative process to search for answers to gether, as well as on your own. Report back on what you find.

8. Ask her what she believes. Listen, learn, and no lectures. Ask questions to draw her out without necessarily sharing your beliefs at first because if this is new (to dialogue about spiritual things), it may take awhile for her to open up honestly. Wisely choose your words and take an interest in her beliefs and look through her eyes. Seek to understand her.

9. Go to a Christian/spiritual concert with her by one of her favorite artist and then each share what it was like for you.

10. Attend her church with her or invite her to yours. Talk about the sermon and the things you gleaned from it. Ask questions about what touched her or spoke to her from it.

11. Sing worship songs with her and listen to the lyrics that touch her spirit. Talk about why you have meaning.

12. Ask her to share with you about a spiritually significant time in her life. Then share one of yours.
