

A Different Type of Independence Day

I was on a Daddy-Daughter date with my eldest in June. I congratulated her on being respectful, helpful, hard-working, and kind. I also wanted to ensure I was not missing an opportunity to provide her wisdom, comfort, and further protection. We were driving to an activity she chose, and I asked how her school year went on the way over. We covered everything from grades, friends, sports, anxiety, and opportunities. We also discussed where God had provided occasions for her to show that she was a Christian. I knew soon it would turn to my favorite and least favorite topic, boys. Nearly no father thinks any man is good enough for his daughter, and we often keep a shovel and an alibi on deck. LOL. After she disclosed who was interested and why, I initiated a concept I came up with years ago.

I wanted to introduce a thought-provoking mental framework to supplement her keen emotional framework in choosing a suitable spouse. My daughter desires to be married to a man, and my concept is based on what I've researched and seen as a foundation for many long-lasting relationships. Ultimately, it's a strategy she could use to quickly distill who's a

potential complement to her great essence. The concept is called the 5 C's, or the 5-cuhs (the K sound a hard C makes). I told her ideally she should choose to couple her life with a man who possesses all 5. There is, however, one exception to the rule, and it's acceptable to have four out of the five. The 5 C's are: a car, career, cash, credit, and a casa (house). I had to capture that last one in Spanish because 'house' doesn't have a C, which would mess up my thang! She had a great reaction, and we talked for quite some time about it.

I've been with my wife for over 22 years, and my daughter naturally asked me how many of the five I had when I met her mother. I had three of the five (career, cash, and a car) and was actively working on completing the last two (credit and a casa). When I asked her mother to marry me, I had four of the five; my credit was over 730. I saved the last one (una casa) for us to acquire together as husband and wife. After my daughter digested the TED talk, she said, "Wow, Dad, that's a lot." She further remarked, "How many men do you think have all five, or at least four of the five?" I said, "Unfortunately, baby, I see fewer men these days with

these accomplishments; therefore, it's paramount for you to possess all five on your own!"

Fathers, we do our daughters a disservice if we raise them in a home where we've mastered the 5 Cs but don't teach our baby girls how to master the concept themselves. Let this July be the start of "A Different Type of Independence Day," where you help them become self-sufficient.

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