"BRIGHT AS A DIAMOND"

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Things that shine are aesthetically pleasing in the eyes. They have the power to capture the eyes of many people by just looking at their extraordinary quality. Precious stones like diamonds are highly loved by plenty of people, not only for their high market value but because of the beauty it holds that can glisten everyone's eyes and the symbolization it has when giving it to someone special in your life. However, its dazzling appearance doesn't come for free, similar to a father's perspective of being the pillar of the house. When they were little boys, they weren't born immediately with a man's knowledge because being a man takes a lot of courage. They didn't readily have a good-husband-figure, because being a good husband requisite a strong faith and honesty. And one doesn't instantly possess a perfect-father-trait because being an ideal-father can put you under a lot of pressure.

The high expectations of people are the things that drive you to doubt yourself and to overthink about the efforts you are giving as a father. It is not easy to do something you are not used to doing. The struggle of sleeping late at night, changing loads of diapers, washing the laundry, cleaning the room, and the hardship of sustaining the needs of your family are just the one-fourth portions of the whole globe that makes you feel like you are carrying weighted baggage in your back that you must bear all day. The wrinkles in your forehead speak themselves for all the stress accumulating in your mind. It is indeed an arduous responsibility to become a parent. But the joy of welcoming a lovely child into your life as a father is the most overwhelming feeling on earth.

Having the chance to hold your beloved child can be described as you are holding an expensive diamond in your hands. The way his/her eyes look at you is like a diamond
shining through, a shine that can light up even the darkest time of your day. And as a father, you won't let anyone hurt your favorite treasure because it is the most valuable gem in your life. Even though it is hard and tiring, do not let your hard work end here because a father's heart will always beat for his child's prosperity. All the bullet holes made by other people's expectations will serve as your way to seek and understand other perspectives that will make you a better person and especially the best father for your child. And like how any other gemstones that went through a lot of pressure, remember that you shone as bright as a diamond.

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