

## Porter Wagoner "My Dad"

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My daddy was a hard working farm man with dirt on his hands most all his life  
But inside my daddy's soul was as clean as white linen  
And his heart was as pure as solid gold  
Like most boys when I was growin' up I wanted to be just like my dad  
Cause I felt that he had something that very few people had  
My daddy was just a simple man  
He lived all his life on a little farm where I was born  
He never had an education he didn't get to go to school  
But he was the smartest man that I've ever known  
I believe God must have been my daddy's teacher for he talked a lot with him  
And when dad found somethin' that he didn't understand  
He'd ask God about it just like you'd ask a friend  
Honesty was a word that my dad lived by his word was his bond it meant the same  
That's why he could borrow money from the bank just by signin' his name  
The first thing I remember learnin' from dad was the meaning of honesty  
He said if you're honest son  
It means a whole lot more than you just won't lie or cheat  
If you're honest you'll do unto others like you'd have them do unto you  
And you'll always give more than just your share and anything that you do  
Honesty stands like a giant oak tree with roots strong and deep in the sod  
And if you're always honest with yourself son  
It covers many of the commandments of God  
Pride was another word that my dad lived by  
He took pride in each thing and one that he told me why  
He said always take pride in each thing you do boy no matter how small it may be  
For God gave you the mind that you did in with  
And take pride in each new thing that you see

And don't ever think that you're better than anyone  
But always remember you're just as good as anybody  
son  
And just because you're wearin' overalls with patches  
to cover each hole  
Why it's not what's on the outside that makes a man  
boy  
It's what's hidden deep in his soul  
So always be honest and proud son in each thing that  
you do  
And when you're in doubt about something ask God  
about it  
Cause he's always honest with you

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