



CHAIRS Acronym

1. **C – Conquest** – Respect His Desire to Work and Achieve.
Your son has a desire in his soul to enter into an adventure in some field of work, to conquer an obstacle, and fulfill an honorable duty—even in the early stages of life. You can discover with him the talents and passions God has instilled in him to work and achieve.
2. **H – Hierarchy** – Respecting His Desire to Provide, Protect, and Even Die.
There's a man within the boy. Early hints of the desire to provide and protect will appear in your son in various ways, and as his mother, you need to pay attention and praise him. To Christ-following men, protecting women and children is a divine duty.
3. **A – Authority** – Respecting His Desire to Be Strong and to Lead and Make Decisions. Being strong, leading, and make decisions can be a good thing or a bad thing, but there is certainly a virtuous component. Deep in your son's soul, he desires to be unbeatable, in command, and resolute.
4. **I – Insight** – Respecting His Desire to Analyze, Solve, and Counsel. A boy desires to offer his insight, referring to his inclination (not always his ability) to analyze, solve, and counsel. When was the last time you honored your son's insights?
5. **R – Relationship** – Respecting His Desire for a Shoulder-to-Shoulder Friendship. Though some boys are talkative, most are not as verbal as girls. Your son will likely remain quieter if you pepper him with questions.
6. **S – Sexuality** – Respecting His Desire for Sexual Understanding and "Knowing."
Your son is a sexual being who is naturally interested in sexual matters. God instilled in him a curiosity to understand sexuality and to eventually 'know' his wife, as 'Adam knew Eve his wife' (Gen. 4:1). There is an appropriate desire to understand and know.

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