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This I Believe...

I believe the values of the past should not be forgotten, but rather built upon by future generations. The first day I went to work for my father, when I was ten years old, he sat me down in the conference room and told me the one rule of working in the family business. The one rule he told me was," Whatever I tell you to do, is second to anything that your grandparents have asked from you." At the time I really didn't think much of this rule, but reflecting back on it now I recognize how it has served as the foundation for my life. The family environment that I have been subjected to has sculpted who I am as a person. For that I owe my father. However, now that I am older perhaps I can impart some new values on my father in return. While I recognize he has been working in the same size family company for years, the confines of the past should not limit future success. Perhaps it is my job as a son to expand upon his work. If I could teach him new values that I hold, expand the company to an unprecedented size, and further grow as a person I would consider my task fulfilled.