

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Teryn Dickson ([00:00](#)):

My name is Teryn Dickson, his son, first son. He has three. Oldest son. I'm 24.

Aaron Henkin ([00:10](#)):

Tell me about some of the most important lessons you've learned from your dad and from your dad's example.

Teryn Dickson ([00:17](#)):

His drive. There's definitely times, try and own a business, it's a battle. And I mean, I don't know the exact statistic, but I do. I've heard that the first five years definitely make or break you. But then our first five years and even more, there's challenges, of course. Sometimes us scratching, definitely him scratching his head, like, "How's it going to get done?" But he does it, we're still here. So definitely if I've taken anything from my pops, trying to have a positive attitude and just never giving up, he doesn't give up.

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Terence Jerome Dickson ([00:55](#)):

I guess one of the things that I've forced on my sons always is to have intelligent thought. Think about things before you do them. Treat people like how you want to be treated. And the most important one that we've been really working on, is love doesn't have to hurt. You feel me? I think that within our society right now, it's kind of crazy. There is so much dysfunction and dysfunction is rewarded instead of actually finding a place of where, you're able to make intelligent decisions about people. You're able to make intelligent decisions about a thing.

Terence Jerome Dickson ([01:31](#)):

The reason I pushed that with them is because I'm not going to always be with you. You know what I mean? So you're going to have to make righteous decisions. They change your life.

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