

money. Or anything just to please her or just to attract her. No. That ain't no  
 - And don't ever talk about a girl of your acquaintance or your intimacy with  
 her that you didn't have any-- That's low-down," he used to tell us. "That's  
 bad." And this other thing is, "If you like a girl and you know that she's not  
 exactly too respectable, even at that, never give her any money or whiskey or beer  
 to drink just to attract her." That's what he--and I still carry that out.  
 (That's really interesting.)

Lot of girls came to my house, right there at my house. Want to know if I could  
 give 'em fifty cents, and they'd be back that night. I told 'em, "No, I'll give  
 you fifty cents but you don't have to come back." "Well," they'd say, "Are you  
 afraid of me?" "Afraid of you, what?" I says, "I'm a man and you're a woman--why  
 should I be afraid of you?" "I mean any other way--physically?" "No," I said.  
 "Why would I be afraid of you when I don't have nothing to do with you?" "Am I  
 welcome here?" I said, "You're welcome here but not--just to be here, maybe  
 drink coffee, but I don't keep nobody here," I said. "I go to church. I pray for  
 all you folks. That's what I ways-- If I know you're hard up and broke and-- But  
 if I know you're drinking, you ain't gonna spend my money. I don't patronize  
 that. And kids--I give 'em a dime or a quarter apiece, in town. Anybody has bad  
 news, and wants to call, or is hurt--I always help 'em. And if they was hungry  
 I take 'em to restaurant. I won't give 'em no money. I'll take 'em to restaurant  
 and let 'em get eat all they want and I'll pay for it. If I give 'em money, that  
 goes to the bar--joint, I don't want that. I don't live that way. That's what  
 I tell 'em. I say, "I'm not perfect, but that's my principles. If I pray,  
 I'm gonna pray for my kids--"

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: JESS'S FATHER'S ADVICE ON:

Oh, lots of times. He used to tell us--We'd sit there for hours and I'd get  
 tired and go out riding ponies or swimming or something like that. He'd make us  
 sit there and listen to him. Well, it was a good lecture, and he'd tell us, now.  
 . . "Keep your ponies and horses in the lot. Feed 'em lot of oats and lot of  
 prairie hay. There's water right in the tank, you know--right in the lot. Water,