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In his 85th Year

My Twenty Commandments for the Youth



1. View failure as opportunity for success. Success should always be your goal.
2. True failure occurs when you stop trying to achieve success.
3. Just as your heart never stops beating, you can also continue to be active; rest is harmful to your health.
4. You only sleep well at night after a hard working day.
5. Suffering is a blessing because it is an opportunity to overcome it.
6. Optimism brings luck, so be optimistic in order to be lucky.
7. Happiness is a decision. Decide to be happy and you will be.
8. Education is beneficial, but self-learning is most beneficial.
9. Always pursue knowledge. Never stop learning for “you were given only little knowledge”.
10. Use information and communication technology as your tools in all your work.
11. Retirement means surrender to active life... "death !!" So never stop functioning at any age.
12. Forgive your opponents, but do not forget them. If you do not have critics , you have already failed.
13. I have never responded to a critic in my life because I am busy with what I am doing and he is busy criticizing me.
14. Look for excellence and primacy in leadership: resist the instinct of following the crowd.
15. Look for yourself within yourself, and surpass it.
16. You have two options: innovation or extinction.
17. In school, we learn lessons and we pass exams. At work, exams are our means to learn lessons.
18. Success is not a choice but a decision and your duty is to achieve success.
19. When your work load exceeds your wages then your wages will exceed your work.
20. **Try to perform with love and pleasant attitude, for love is the most powerful weapon. Be loving to be loved.**

It is better to be loved than to be great.