

Here is a letter by Abraham Lincoln to the Headmaster of a school in which his son was studying. This letter is still relevant for teachers, students and parents.

“He will have to learn. I know that all men are not just, all men are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero, that for every selfish politician, there is a dedicated leader..... Teach him that for every enemy there is a friend. It will take time, I know: but teach him.. if you can..that a dollar earned is of far more value than five found... Teach him to learn to lose... and also to enjoy winning. Steer him away from envy, if you can, teach him the secret of quite laughter. Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest to lick.... Teach him, if you can, the wonder of books... but also give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hillside.

In school teach him it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat... Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong. Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with the tough. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon... Teach him to listen to all men: but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth, and take only the good that comes through.

Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he is sad... Teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him to scoff at cynics and to be ware of too much sweetness... Teach him to sell his brawn and brain to the highest bidders, but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob... and to stand and fight if he thinks he’s right.

Teach him gently, but do not cuddle him because only the test of fire makes fine steel. Let him have the courage to be impatient... let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself, because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind.

This is a big order, but see what you can do... He is such a fine little fellow, my son!”

Abraham Lincoln

“Time and tides waits for none”- An old proverb .

“In the realm of time there is no aristocracy of wealth, and no aristocracy of intellect. Genius is never rewarded even an extra hour a day. And there is no punishment. Waste your infinitely precious commodity as much as you will, and the supply will never be withheld from you ...” Arnold Bennett.

“In life, I have never felt the scarcity or paucity of one thing, that is time. Because my account is always became full automatically. I had faced shortages of dress, shoes, household goods, money and even water, but not time. Whenever I look at time, my wallet is always full, only my requirement of things to be purchased (I mean priority of job) changes. Some times I spend more on buying sleep, sometimes on enjoying a cricket match and some times racing like a horse to reach a target. The choice was always mine. When we tell about a man that his time is over, we mean he is no more in this world. The moment we think that I have no time, it is the end of our life.”

Devajit Bhuyan

Do you know, a Swiss knife is 100 times costly than an ordinary knife we normally use? Is it made of Gold? No! it is also made of the same steel with which our ordinary knives are made. Then why it has such a high premium? The reason is that the Swiss knife has a sharp cutting edge 100 times better than the ordinary knife. And it all makes the difference. Every human being are made of the same materials, but if you develop and acquire a better, sharp cutting edge through knowledge and skills, certainly you will have a premium not only in the job market, but also in the society.

STUDY NOT ONLY HARD, BUT ALSO SMART

On Failure

(1)

Failed at something? Good
Failed again? Excellent.
You are a lucky devil you know,
to be learning from the best teacher
in the whole world.
Because that's what failure really is.
A teacher.
A rung in the ladder.
A clever device to test your talent,
Your courage, your thirst for success.
And if you preserve, and push,
and hang on long enough, and grit
your teeth, and still manage to smile,
you'll bask in the sunshine.

(2)

When things go wrong as they sometimes will
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't quit.
Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have own had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though pace seems slow-
You may succeed with another blow
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far
Stick to the fight when you are hardest hit
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Never mind failures; they are quite natural, they are the beauty of life, these failures. Never mind failures, these little back sliding; hold the ideal a thousand times, and if you fail a thousand times, make the attempt once more.

Swami Vivekananda

“What ever you decide to do in life, just be passionate about it. Don’t be intimidated by competition, as success is sweeter and failure less bitter when you have given everything. Passion, perseverance and possihility are kev of mv success”—Ion Ron Jovi

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*“Change is essential for one’s personal development” Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam
Be dynamic, not static.*

A short course for success:

- 01.Set your goal, mission, priorities.*
- 02.Work hard.Try your best.*
- 03.Do not imitate others.
Listen to your inner voice.*
- 04.Do not try to better Tom, Dick and Harry. Do your own best.*
- 05.Always tell yourself ‘I am my boss and I can do it, I can win’*

This life is a great chance. Seek for the highest, aim at that highest, and you shall reach the highest.

Swami Vivekananda

Bharat Ratna Sir M.Visvesveraya, the doyen of Indian Engineers, believed that character building and dam building were similar activities. Build your character along with youe career.

SET YOUR GOAL

*“ To know one’s self is hard to know
Wise effort, effort vain;*

*But accurate self-critic are
Secure in times of strain
This much of effort bring success;
I have the power; I can
So think, then act, and reap the fruit
Of your judicious plan”*

Panchatantra

*Go how ever far to find
Honest joy
Learn from any, who is wise
Though a boy;
Give your life, the altruist's
Bliss to win
Cut your very arm away
If it sin.*

Panchatantra

*The clock of life is wound but once
And no one has the power
To tell just when the hand will stop
At late or early hour
Now is the only time we own,
Live, love and toil with a will
Leave nothing for tomorrow
For the clock may then be still.*

(Author unknown)

Honesty is the best policy. The real dishonesty is to lie to ourselves, deceive our own soul. True satisfaction visits us only when we feel and can tell our souls that we have been 'good' and 'honest'.

What Education Is For?

- 01. Education is to acquire knowledge and wisdom***
- 02. Education is to acquire skill***
- 03. Education is to learn toleration and respect values***
- 04. Education is to enlighten and enlarge the horizon of mind to look at life without colored glass***
- 05. Education is to live in optimum (dynamic equilibrium) condition with nature and society***
- 06. Education is to develop inner potentials***
- 07. Education is to build a character***
- 08. Education is to develop a positive attitude***
- 09. Education is to achieve self- actualization***
- 10. Education is also for earning a livelihood and build a CAREER***

Persistence

*Nothing in the world
can take the place of persistence.
Talent will not;
nothing is more common than
unsuccessful men with talent.
Genius will not;
unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.
Education will not;
the world is full of educated derelicts.
Persistence and determination
alone are omnipotent.
The slogan 'Press On' has solved
and always will solve
the problems of the human race.*

Calvin Coolidge

Education should not be a means for earning money, but a channel to change the mental, social and economic status/condition of the people of the country and the world.

“Education is an ornament in prosperity and refuse in adversity”. Aristotle

Friendly/ Positive Words for 21st Century Student

<i>Allah</i>	<i>Enthusiasm</i>	<i>Justice</i>	<i>Please</i>	<i>Teach</i>
<i>Almighty</i>	<i>Ethics</i>	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Pray</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Affection</i>	<i>Exercise</i>	<i>Knowledge</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Thanks</i>
<i>Admire</i>	<i>Environment</i>	<i>Krishna</i>	<i>Perfection</i>	<i>Upright</i>
<i>Amiable</i>	<i>Excel</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Praise</i>	<i>Urge</i>
<i>Appreciate</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>Laugh</i>	<i>Quest</i>	<i>Universal</i>
<i>Ark</i>	<i>Fidelity</i>	<i>Liberal</i>	<i>Quick</i>	<i>Vigor</i>
<i>Assimilation</i>	<i>Forgiveness</i>	<i>Liberty</i>	<i>Quiet</i>	<i>Vision</i>
<i>Beatitude</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Light</i>	<i>Quality</i>	<i>Virtue</i>
<i>Blessing</i>	<i>God</i>	<i>Magnanimity</i>	<i>Radiant</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>Bold</i>	<i>Gratitude</i>	<i>Mission</i>	<i>Rational</i>	<i>Worship</i>
<i>Brave</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Moral</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Welcome</i>
<i>Care</i>	<i>Honesty</i>	<i>Meditation</i>	<i>Respect</i>	<i>Will</i>
<i>Confident</i>	<i>Harmony</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Wisdom</i>
<i>Charity</i>	<i>Happiness</i>	<i>Noble</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Work</i>
<i>Determination</i>	<i>Help</i>	<i>O.K.</i>	<i>Smile</i>	<i>Xmas</i>
<i>Devotion</i>	<i>Insolate</i>	<i>‘Om’</i>	<i>Sacrifice</i>	<i>Yoga</i>
<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Intuition</i>	<i>Optimism</i>	<i>Silence</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dedication</i>	<i>Joy</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>Truth</i>	<i>Zeal</i>
<i>Ecology</i>	<i>Jesus</i>	<i>Peace</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>	<i>Zen</i>

Unfriendly/ Negative Words for 21st Century Student

<i>Aggression</i>	<i>Anguish</i>	<i>Envy</i>	<i>Hypocrisy</i>	<i>Malign</i>
<i>Anger</i>	<i>Arrogance</i>	<i>Fear</i>	<i>Immoral</i>	<i>Malice</i>
<i>Agony</i>	<i>Avenge</i>	<i>Greed</i>	<i>Jealousy</i>	<i>Negative</i>
<i>Animosity</i>	<i>Brutality/Cruelty</i>	<i>Hate</i>	<i>Lust</i>	<i>Quarrel</i>

As the supreme animal living in this planet earth, I promise that I will protect environment, ecology, bio-diversity and other weaker animals living in this earth. As a human being, I promise that I will always uphold moral, social, ethical and human values. As the citizen of India, I promise to encourage love, peace, communal harmony and brotherhood among all the people living in this country.

Devajit Bhuyan

Strength is goodness, weakness is sin. The only religion that ought to be taught is the religion of fearlessness. It is fear that brings misery, fear brings death, fear breeds evil.

Swami Vivekananda

HOW TO BE A WINNER AND BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR CAREER

01.Mission, Goal & Objective:

Define mission, goal and objective of your life. First thing in life is that you should know what you want to achieve in life.

01. Knowledge and Skill:

Knowledge is power and skill is the cutting edge. Unless you develop your knowledge base and sharpen your skills, it is just impossible to achieve mission, goal and objective of your life.

03.Positive attitude:

The difference between a winner and a loser in life is very intangible one and that is attitude. If you have a positive attitude, you will be a winner and if you have a negative attitude, you are bound to fail.

04.Time Management:

Be self organised and best utilise your time. Time is the best free resource, utilisation of which will make or break your career, your present, past and future.

05.Individual Self-discipline:

Can you think of success in career, life without discipline and punctuality? Set good examples for others in punctuality, leadership, initiative, efficiency and tact with a sense of responsibility.

06.Maintain Self Control:

Exercise self-control and deliberately watch our thought process and behaviour.

07.Dignity:

Respect dignity of each individual, dignity of labour and be positive and helpful to others.

08.Communication:

In this age of IT develop effective communication. Communication should be open, horizontal & vertical.

09.Ego:

Shed off negative ego and domineering behaviour. Ego is one of the causes why many talented people failed in life.

10.Avoid Arrogance:

Shed off arrogance, whether egoistic or emotional in our behaviour. Be humble without trying to throw your weight around. It costs nothing to be humble with a smile but it pays dividend, which some times you can't measure.

11.Stress Tolerance:

Practice stress tolerance with special reference to tolerance from ambiguity, frustration and hostility.

12.Be a Good Listener:

Accept and encourage thoughts of your seniors, juniors and colleagues, being empathic and understanding.

13.Taskful:

Be taskful without being hurtful.

14.Petty Mindedness:

Avoid petty thinking and do not allow it to eat up your valuable time.

15.Team Work:

The world is not a place for solo feats. Believe and encourage team-work.

16.Interaction:

Improve interaction with friends, relatives, colleagues in work and social life. Promote mutual cooperation.

17.Suggestions:

Gracefully accept suggestions from peers, subordinates, others and also constructive criticism.

18.Inter-Personal Feed Back:

Practice inter-personal feedback to correct and rectify mistakes. Give feed-back to others but no back-biting or leg pulling.

19.Information Distribution:

Never encroach on and monopolise information; make information available to others.

20.Resilience:

Develop enough resilience, endurance and have patience. You should be capable to override upheavals that beset life—natural, financial, social & emotional. There is no short cut to success.

Most people failed not because of lack of ability or intelligence but because of lack of desire, direction, dedication and discipline.

William Jantes of Harvard University

SUCCESS MANTRA FOR IIT-JEE ASPIRANTS:

01. Success at IIT-JEE requires a definite goal, grit and determination on one's part. One must stay focused and say no to good things in order to get the best. Two essential factors are tenacity and the desire to improve constantly. The most important ingredients are the right material, proper guidance and continuous evaluation. Needless to say, determined hard work is essential for any success.

Sushant Sachdeva, AIR-1, IIT-JEE 2004

02. JEE is one of the toughest exams in the world and competition is also of top order. In such a scenario a strategic approach to problem solving is of utmost importance. Hard work and clear fundas are essential for success.

Ankur Goel, AIR-5, IIT-JEE 2004

03. The most important requisite for success in IIT-JEE is the right frame of mind. One must be clearly aware of his strong and weak areas. Weak areas, once identified, must be aimed at with total dedication. One must never be reluctant to experiment while preparing for IIT-JEE, because there is always a surprise element in one or other form in JEE exams. Clarity of concepts coupled with a good test series helps a lot in your preparation.

Aditya Gupta, AIR-7, IIT-JEE 2004

04. For IIT-JEE, students should concentrate on basic concepts more than anything else. Besides, on the exam day, the right temperament is critical.

Varun Sharma, AIR-8, IIT-JEE 2004

05. For success in an exam like IIT-JEE, besides having good analytical skills and sound fundamentals one must have confidence and proper examination temperament. Ultimately what counts is one's performance in those six deciding hours.

Ajit Kumar Nema, AIR-10, IIT_JEE 2004

06. Focused and planned approach coupled with hard work is the key to success in IIT-JEE

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