

Not all lessons come from school  
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I went to college straight out of High School, primarily because I didn't have any other plans and it seemed like the thing to do. College was very different than I thought it would be. There was a great deal of freedom and no one to go behind me and make sure that I was doing the right thing, or that I kept up with my grades. For the most part, I did okay. There were many adjustments, most of them of the social type. There was so much to explore and learn and it was a very interesting time in my life.

When I finally received my degree, I was relieved and somewhat elated. I had achieved something that not everybody else I knew had, and I was proud.

But the truth is college didn't teach me everything I needed to learn about everyday life and how to deal with various situations.

While I value everything I have learned in a classroom setting, I have also learned some things through my experiences in life that I think really matter. I would like to share these with you.

- Never say never. The very thing you say you won't do may be the exact thing you'll end up doing.
- Don't ever look down on someone because of what they don't have. By the grace of God, this could be you.
- Three 'easy payments' may be harder than you think.
- Be kind to animals. (Have you ever seen the movie "Planet of the Apes?')
- You have to start somewhere. So what if it's at the bottom?
- You can learn more from your kids than they can ever learn from you if you just take the time to listen.
- God does not discriminate. He simply loves.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Laughter is God's therapy. You don't even need insurance because the treatment is free.
- Be careful what you ask for because God really does answer prayer.
- Don't rock the boat if you know you'll get seasick.
- Regard falling on your butt as a form of physical therapy.
- People who talk a lot really say very little.
- Don't rely on people for miracles, ask God instead.
- Having gray hair is not a sign of wisdom. (At least not for me.)
- Life is too short to waste being anal. Get with the program and have some fun.
- You can never love too much, just too little.

My favorite thing is this;

- In school, you get the lesson first and then the test. In life, you get the test, then the lesson.

It's just important that you learn something. That way you can share it with others.