

Lessons that only grandparents can teach their grandkids



There are life lessons and pearls of wisdom that are better taught by grandparents or the elders in our community, rather than parents. They carry credibility, the lines in their faces representing all they have learned. All you need to do is take a moment to ask and then listen.

We've collected some of the wise life lessons and pearls of wisdom that we have heard over the years from the elders in our life, and have shared them here.

Good manners go a long way

Never underestimate the value of good manners. Good manners will take you much further toward your goals and a better life. Good manners show that you are interested, engaged and caring about the person you are dealing with. The doors of life are more likely to open for you when you show good manners.

Save money

Only someone who does not care about their future does not put away some money every month. Do not spend everything you are given or everything you earn. Put aside at least 10% every month in your savings account. If you establish good money habits from the start, you will always have enough money throughout your life.

Have patience

Life is a marathon, not a sprint. Even if you are a sprinter! Life takes many turns and your priorities will change. This is natural. Have patience with yourself and allow yourself the time to learn whatever it is you put your mind to. Do not expect to become an expert at anything you have just started too quickly, new skills take time to develop.

Good things come to those who wait and patience is definitely a virtue.



Show self-respect

No matter what the situation is that you are in, always have respect for yourself first. By showing self-respect you will show the world that you care enough about yourself and they too will show care toward you.

Self respect allows you to manage difficult situations with grace and easier situations with joy.

Live with gratitude in your heart daily

Have gratitude for the good things in your life. We all have things that do not work and things that do work. That is just life. Show gratitude for the things that work and life will bring more of those. Also remember to show gratitude to those who help and assist you on your journey through life, whether it be personal, school or work situations.

Actions speak louder than words

Never was a truer word spoken. Actions will always speak louder than words. Beware those who speak a lot and deliver little. Be a person of your word and do what you say you will do. Words followed by your committed actions can move mountains.



Happiness is not a given, you need to find it or create it

Do not expect happiness to arrive on your lap on a platter or on your social media streak. It does not happen this way. Happiness is not to be chased either, because this only brings certain misery. Happiness is to be found or created in anything that you do.

Be present, find pleasure in what you do and the interactions you have. Happiness is spontaneous and it comes when it comes, remember to notice it when it does so you can enjoy the moment.

Do not have unrealistic expectations of others

Everyone has their own perspective and view of events, people and situations. Do your best not to take anything personally. Instead take the small disappointments in your stride and enjoy moments with family and friends.

And finally, a word for young and old.....

Don't sweat the small stuff

Every day brings new experiences, some good and some not so good or even bad. However, do not sweat the small stuff. If you could take a bird's eye view of your life, often you will see that your life is just fine the way it is. Do not concern yourself with the small stuff too much, these have a way of working themselves out with a bit of patience.

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