

THE LAST LECTURE

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"We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand."
—Randy Pausch

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KEY POINTS:

- Live your childhood dreams. Don't lose the childhood wonder.
- Enable the dreams of others.
- It is not the things we do in life that we regret on our deathbed, it is the things we do not.
- Show gratitude.
- A bad apology is worse than no apology.
- It is all about fundamentals.
If you don't get the fundamentals down, nothing else works.
- It is a very bad place to be when you are screwing up and no one is saying anything to you - they gave up. Your critics are the ones that are telling you they still love you and care about you.
- When people give you feedback – cherish and use it.
- When you do something young enough, it just becomes a part of you.
- Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you intended.
- The brick walls are there for a reason. How badly do you want it? Brick walls let us show our dedication.
- Give people enough time and they'll almost always impress you somehow.
Find the best in everybody. People will show you their good side if you wait long enough.
No one is all evil.
- It is very important to know when you are in a 'pi—in' match and get out of it. These pissin matches are a waste of time.
- Actions & words speak pretty loudly.
- All good things come to an end.
- Find someone better than you to hand your legacy.
- We learn just as much from kids & students as we do from bosses.
- Have fun. Are you a Tigger or an Eeyore?
- Ignore everything they say; pay extreme attention to what they do.
- Never give up.
- Tell the truth. Be earnest.
- Focus on helping other people and not have all the focus on yourself.
- You can't get there alone. You have to let people help you.
- When you do the 'right' thing, good things have a way of happening.
- Believe in Karma.
- Don't complain, just work harder.
- Be good at something. It makes you valuable.
- Work hard.
- Be prepared. Luck is when preparation meets opportunity.
- Be unforgettable for the right reasons.
- Patience is usually appreciated– eventually!



Thank you!



Be
Prepared.