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# A couple of quotes

Parents are the most important teachers, the schools just add value (I read this in an article by a Principal recently, and thought it was very good).

It's not what you think you are that holds you back, it's what you think you're not.

A smile costs nothing - give one away today.

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

**Henry Ford.**

## The Child Must Decide

I gave you life, but I cannot live it for you;  
I can teach you things, but cannot make you learn;  
I can give you direction, but cannot be there to lead you;  
I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it;  
I can take you to Church, but I cannot make you believe;  
I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you;  
I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside;  
I can offer you advice, but I cannot take it for you;  
I can give you Love, but I cannot force it on you;  
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish;  
I can teach you respect, but I cannot

force you to show honour;  
I can advise you about friends, but I cannot choose them for you;  
I can advise you about sex, but I cannot make you pure;  
I can tell you about the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation;  
I can tell you about drugs, but I cannot say no for you;  
I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you;  
I can teach you about kindness, but I cannot force you to be gracious;  
I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make you moral;  
I can love you as a child, but I cannot make your place in God's Family;  
I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God;  
I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make Jesus your Lord;  
I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you Eternal Life.

## Author Known.

Time waits for no one. Treasure Every Moment you have.

To realise the value of one year : Ask a student who has failed a final exam.  
To realise the value of one month : Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.  
To realise the value of one week : As an

editor of a weekly newspaper.  
To realise the value of one hour : Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.  
To realise the value of one minute : Ask the person who has missed the train, bus or plane.  
To realise the value of one second : Ask the person who has survived an accident.  
To realise the value of one millisecond : Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Old Chinese Proverb - I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand.

If you're not afraid to face the music, one day you may end up leading the band.

Regret for yesterday and fear of tomorrow are the twin thieves that can rob us of today!!!

A friend is one who looks over your broken fence and sees all the beautiful flowers in the garden.

How good is it to have a friend who always plays the game, knows all the faults that you possess but loves you just the same.

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