

## THE ESSENCE OF EDUCATION

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We probably have heard the Chinese proverb give a man a fish and he will feed him for a day and teach him to fish, and you will feed him for a lifetime, but what does that really mean? I believe that it can be simplified into one word – Education.

A lot of people take for granted the importance of education. Some would say that school is boring, or that it exhausts their minds. Some would just aim for good grades and honors while neglecting the important values that we must develop.

The real essence of education is learning. This happens not only in school but, most importantly, in our homes. We learn something new every day, everywhere if only we would pay attention. Sure, we would forget about some lessons in school when we grow up, but we would never forget the attitude we had while learning it. We would bring with us the eagerness to learn, the humility, the open- mindedness and the joy that we have experienced.

People could take away our riches, they could break into our houses, they could steal our possessions, but they can never take away our education.

I believe that education has two sides in a coin. We learn how to make a living and on the other side, we learn how to live.

We live not only for ourselves. So just as we are educated, it is also important that we educate others. We should teach them the lessons that we have learned-- both academic, practical and values. And that we should be grateful for the lives of those who have educated us.

The future of the world is in the classroom today, seated in an armchair, listening, learning and preparing to be the hope of the future.

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