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1. In this school there are no such things as mistakes, only lessons, i.e., a series of learning experiences; growth is through a series of such experiences, a process which involves both successful and unsuccessful experiments.
2. An unsuccessful experiment does not represent failure, it is just a learning experience; often one learns more from these than from successes; apply the lessons of today so as to make yourself a better person tomorrow.
3. Be open in the widest possible way to encountering a new person, to a new opportunity, as these represent new teachers, new learning experiences; “leave the screen door (to the outside world) unlatched,” you never know who or what will walk in.
4. If you encounter a closed door, simply look for another door that might be open; life is filled with a lot of paths and doors to walk through, don’t waste time on a door which is closed, let the “rock” in your path be a “steppingstone.”
5. Your life is up to you; at birth you were provided a “canvas” onto which you have the opportunity to “paint your life;” take charge of your life and the “painting of this picture,” if you don’t someone or something else will.
6. Be willing to let go of the life that you had planned so as to have the life that awaits you; life is only known by those who have found a way to be comfortable with change and the unknown.
7. Don’t let your preoccupation with reality stifle your imagination; do not go where the path is leading, go where there is no path and leave a trail.
8. Be willing to do the really important things you can, even if it is only one step at a time; if someday, why not now, even though the impossible may take a while.
9. Remember that the cup is always half full, never half empty, but remember that the only cards you can play are the ones that you were dealt; life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond.

10. People will remember not what you said, but only how you made them feel; strive to make a difference in the lives of others.
11. If people think that you care, they will care about what you think; as a leader care for those that you are leading and make sure they get the credit.
12. Never have expectations, only hopes; our expectations may only blind us, the most powerful way to connect to another person is to listen.
13. Each of us is unfinished, a work in progress, even so more than we may think; look for the good in people, try to imagine the world as it seems to the other person.
14. Never, never worry about something over which you have no control.
15. Whatever happens, place the least dramatic interpretation on the event, the incident, and/or whatever is said.
16. Welcome each and every new day for “each dawn is a new beginning;” each day presents new opportunities and a day spent without real enthusiasm, is an opportunity lost; embracing life is a choice.
17. Love yourself, make peace with who you are and where you are at this moment in time; listen to your heart, if you can’t hear what it is saying in this noisy world, make time for yourself, enjoy your own company, let your mind wander among the stars and allow yourself the freedom to be who you really are.
18. If one fears loss enough, in the end the things we possess will come to possess us.
19. Consider “life” to be a gift to you and the way you lead your life to be your gift to those who you encounter and those who come after you.
20. Life’s journey isn’t to arrive at the grave safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, worn out, shouting – *holy cow, what a ride!*
21. Whatever you do, do something of service for someone else. Then and only then will you know that it mattered that you were born.