

When I was young in school, my life was not good, because so many people were bad to me. I decided that when I left school I would make a better life for myself. I thought a great deal about how a person should live to have a good life and I came up with some rules to guide my own life.

Some of them I had when I was 20. I added a few more as the years went by. I wrote them all down for another friend years ago. I think they will help you too.

Best Wishes,
Paul

1. learn, see and do as much as possible before you're dead
2. don't make the same mistake twice
3. just make a decision, you can make it into a better one later
4. these 3 written in a repeating circle; test, assess, adjust (repeat)
5. when it comes to the big jobs in society, if the people who are capable don't do them, they won't get done (those that can, must)
6. it's important to have principles, but they're useless you don't have the courage to stand in the wind and defend them.
7. say what you mean and do what you say.
8. when you're finally comfortable with who you are, you'll be the same person regardless of the audience.
9. when you find the people that matter in your life, you need to demonstrate their special status. Spend the best bits of yourself on them and nobody else.
10. never let anyone be mean to you, there are no good reasons for it.
11. when you find a good person, hold on tight, the turbulent waters of life will take them away too soon.
12. do what you love, life is too short to waste it doing anything else.
13. a good reputation is the only thing that will last through everything.
14. know yourself, know your world, and know how to say it.

There is an important question about our existence that has been asked by humans for thousands of years.

Why are we here?

Why are you here and what difference do you want your life to make to the path of human development?