

Giving Up On Our Education

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This article is really about your future and what you are hoping that it develops into. The following questions are on the mind of all teenagers, especially the ones who are in high school. Where will I be? What will I be doing? Will I have a good job? Will I be happy? Will I be successful? Will I have all the skills that I need to make it? The questions have not changed, but the answers seem to be different for each individual.

The reason the answers are different is that each person takes a different approach to his/her future. The more you are prepared for the future, the better chances the above questions are answered positively.

The more prepared you are to handle the future is based on the amount of education that you receive. If you give up on your education, it has the tendency to impact you for the rest of your life. Here is a question: would you go into combat with a rifle that shoots only blanks? Isn't going through life without an education and skills to succeed the same thing?

At this point, thoughts such as these are probably running through your mind: I hate school! It isn't interesting. It's stupid. I'm never going to use what they teach in class. I can't do it. It's my life, leave me alone.

Take a few minutes to think about what you gained and what you have lost by giving up on your education. Did you substitute a short term "easy" for a long term "difficult?"

How much will these couple years of premature freedom cost you the rest of your life in terms of low self esteem, lost job opportunities, social interaction with unique, original people, money, material possessions, and the quality of your life in general.

Giving up on your education may tell the world things you don't want to be known. Among these maybe your priorities, work ethic, and strategies you use when dealing with challenges.

You gave up on an important part of your childhood that you can never reclaim, thus catapulting you into adulthood and all the responsibilities for which you may not be fully prepared.

Most of your life is yet to be lived. Giving up on your education will rob you of a key and tool to gain the "good life." You will have given yourself a handicap that will follow you the rest of your life. You will have chosen a more difficult life for yourself with fewer options.

A person should educate themselves to the point that he or she will be able to take advantage of opportunities that might arise in the future. Desires and needs may be very different at thirty, forty, fifty years of age. Giving up on your education will greatly narrow the scope of your future, which is yet unknown and full of various opportunities.

Perhaps one of the most important decisions you will make is not to give up on your education but rather continue with school and expand all dimensions of your life.

Give yourself the best shot at life you possibly can – don't give up on your education.