

"Learning without thought is labor lost"

And what is learning? Is it reading out of books? Is it memorizing numbers and letters so that you can pass all your tests? Is it knowing so much that you're selected the outstanding student of ~~this~~ or the outstanding student of that? The answer to all of these is of course, yes. But it goes farther than that - it goes deeper, higher, wider. Learning is being able to apply what we have learned, what we have studied, to everyday situations. Shopenhaur said in On thinking For Oneself:

Scholars are those who have read ~~out~~ⁱⁿ books; But ~~thinkers, geniuses, enlighteners of the world, and benefactors of the human race, are those who have directly read in the book of the world.~~ How many of you have read out of the book of the World? Perhaps you are thinking, "How can I, I'm just a high school student?" The book of the World isn't that hard to read. In fact it's very simple to read. Most of the words are small and self-explanatory. Words like: individualism love, tolerance, ~~laugh~~ understanding. Do those words sound lofty and abstract to you? Well, they aren't. They can easily be applied to any person regardless of age. For it's never too early nor is it ever too late to learn to love your fellowman, to learn to tolerate your enemy, to learn to understand those who are different from you, to learn to think for yourself. Perhaps I ~~should~~ apply these things to everyday life. Do you love your fellowman even though your skin is white and his is black or ~~because~~^{even though} your skin is black and his is white. Love works both ways you know. Do you ~~have~~ ~~the opportunity to~~ try to understand the many cultures which have combined to make what is known as the American

culture or do you call your fellow students: neggers, Okies, cholos? Do you make up ~~your~~ your mind or do just do what everyone else does? Do you love or do you hate? Are you impatient or are you tolerant? Do you smile or do you frown? Have you learned to do these things? Have I? Many of us will have to face the reality that, no, we haven't learned. I'm not saying this to make you unhappy on this wonderful graduation night, but rather to ask you to examine your conscience, to examine your mind, to find out whether or not you've learned these things, ~~and if you haven't, then it's still time, it's~~

After tonight, many of us will be facing the world as young adults who must work for a living. How will we face ~~that~~ that world? Will we face it with an open mind, a mind still willing to learn. I certainly hope so because there still is time ~~to learn~~, there always will be time, it's never too late to learn. I should like to close my remarks with a quotation from John F. Kennedy, the late president. Perhaps it will serve as a lamp to guide us down the dark and treacherous path of life.

Courage takes many forms. It can mean ~~bravery under fire, an inner struggle for self-awareness, or the~~ willingness to risk career, reputation and friends in steadfast adherence to principle and conviction. This last is the courage I have written about - the kind of courage which all of us, sooner or later, may be given the opportunity to demonstrate. For at all the levels of our national life, each man is sometimes called upon to stand for what he believes to be right against the pressures and opinions of friends, fellow workers, constituents, or the force of popular attitude. At such a time each individual must look within himself for the resources to pursue his own course. But all the rest of us can contribute to the vitality of our democracy by refusing to join in unreasoning attacks upon those with whom we disagree, and by respecting them for having the strength to wage such a lonely struggle."

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