

Laws of Life Essay

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Life! It's tough for us all. I'm 12 years old and I already know that. But how do we change things for the better? How do we make it so future generations can have it better than us?

People are like stars in the sky: there are countless among their ranks but only a few are known by us humans. So how do we make a difference? We persevere and **strive**. These things go hand in hand. If you look at people who are great, they all have something in common that makes them stand out. They tried to do their best in everything. Jeff Bezos started Amazon by going door to door and selling books. Bill Gates had to get over the death of his best friend before continuing to start Microsoft. William Shakespeare's house almost burned down twice. No one will be great if they don't try and push on.

You might say "But I've failed so many times, what's the point?" You're right. Thomas Alva Edison failed 2,774 times before he perfected the lightbulb. He strived so much to make it perfect, not just good. If Thomas Edison had quit, then we wouldn't be able to get light at night. If people stopped putting their best forward, things would stop functioning the way we expect them to. We'd be disappointed because things we use instead of being high quality would be low quality.

Even for me, I strive to make a difference in my community. I remember once, I was leaving Costco when I saw a refugee family with her 2 kids. I felt that similar pang of regret, because I couldn't do anything to help. Until I realized I could. I gave her a couple of dollars that day, and I remember how happy she was over it. She shared the news with her kids, and they started jumping up and down. It's things like that - striving to make a difference in our communities that counts.

Right now, someone is working on the vaccine for cancer, or the solution to removing trash from the ocean. Those things are huge! But how do you and I do this in our lives? How do we make a difference? I do this in school by trying extra hard to get my math grades up, and studying regularly at home and school. We all have a light in us, and we can strive to bring that out in our lives. That starts a chain reaction of people seeking to do their best and BOOM! The world is a better place! I know that when I grow up, I will strive to put forth my best work.

Striving to do our best can be hard, but when we do it, it can make quite a difference in our lives and others'. Don't give up, do your best, and keep going. If you follow this, you will be the reason the world is a better place.