

# *Life's Little Instructions*

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*Sing in the shower \* Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated \* Watch a sunrise at least once a year \* Leave the toilet seat in the down position \* Never refuse homemade brownies \* Strive for excellence, not perfection \* Plant a tree on your birthday \* Learn three clean jokes \* Return borrowed vehicles with the gas tank full \* Compliment three people everyday \* Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them \* Leave everything a little better than you found it \* Keep it simple \* Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures \* Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know \* Ask for a raise when you feel you've earned it \* Be forgiving of yourself and others \* Over tip breakfast waitresses \* Say "thank you" a lot \* Say "please" a lot \* Avoid negative people \* Buy whatever kids are selling on card tables in their front yard \* Wear polished shoes \* Remember other people's birthdays \* Commit yourself to constant improvement \* Carry jumper cables in your trunk \* Have a firm handshake \* Send lots of Valentine cards. Sign them "Someone who thinks you're terrific" \* Look people in the eye \* Be the first to say "hello" \* Use the good silver \* Return all the things you borrow \* Make new friends but cherish the old ones \* Keep secrets \* Sing in a choir \* Plant flowers every spring \* Have a dog \* Always accept an outstretched hand \* Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of your life \* Wave at kids on school buses \* Be there when people need you \* Feed a stranger's expired parking meter \* Don't expect life to be fair \* Never underestimate the power of love \* Drink champagne for no reason at all \* Live your life as an exclamation, not an explanation \* Don't be afraid to say "I made a mistake" \* Don't be afraid to say "I don't know" \* Compliment even small improvements \* Keep your promises (no matter what) \* Marry only for love \* Rekindle old friendships \* Count your blessings \* Call your mother*