***LOOK AT THE QUOTES ABOUT WORKING. DO YOU AGREE WITH THEM?***

[All paid jobs absorb and degrade the mind.](http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/1097.html)

[**Aristotle**](http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/Aristotle/) **(384 BC - 322 BC)**

[We have too many people who live without working, and we have altogether too many people who work without living.](http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/41624.html)

[**Charles Reynolds Brown**](http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/Charles_Reynolds_Brown/)

[When a man tells you that he got rich through hard work, ask him: 'Whose?'](http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/513.html)

[**Don Marquis**](http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/Don_Marquis/) **(1878 - 1937)**

[A professional is one who does his best work when he feels the least like working.](http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/41621.html)

[**Frank Lloyd Wright**](http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/Frank_Lloyd_Wright/) **(1869 - 1959)**

[Getting fired is nature's way of telling you that you had the wrong job in the first place.](http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/25862.html)

[**Hal Lancaster**](http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/Hal_Lancaster/), *in The Wall Street Journal*

[Life grants nothing to us mortals without hard work.](http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/24345.html)

[**Horace**](http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/Horace/) **(65 BC - 8 BC)**, *Satires*

***\*Vocabulary :***

1.degrade – to make something less valuable, less good, less important

2.altogether – in total

3.through – (in this text, this context) thanks to

4.get fired – lose job

5.grant – give, provide

6.mortals - people

**BILL GATES' SPEECH TO MT. WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL in Visalia, California.**

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this!

To anyone with kids of any age, here's some advice. Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair -- get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make $60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping -- they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

*BILL GATES ON LIFE*

*VOCABULARY :*

**1.HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD – GET TO HEART OF THE MATTER, ANALYSE THE PROBLEM PERFECTLY**

**2.SET STH UP – PREPARE**

**3.FAILURE – THE OPPOSITE OF SUCCESS**

**4.GET USED TO STH – YOU GET USED TO SOMETHING WHEN IT BECOMES A ROUTINE FOR YOU.**

**5.SELF-ESTEEM – THE VALUE OF YOURSELF TO … YOURSELF**

**6.ACCOMPLISH – TO GET OR SUCCESSFULY FINISH SOMETHING DIFFICULT IN LIFE, AT SCHOOL, AT WORK …**

**7.EARN – TO DESERVE SOMETHING BY WORK. YOU CAN EARN MONEY, RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP, ETC.**

**8.MESS UP – TO DO SOMETHING WRONG, BADLY**

**9.WHINE – TO COMPLAIN**

**10.DELOUSE - to remove lice (= a type of very small insect) from the body, hair or clothing of a person or the fur of an animal**

**11.PARASITE - an animal or plant that lives on or in another animal or plant of a different type and feeds from it**

**12.ABOLISH – STOP USING STH**

**13.BEAR – CARRY**

**14.CHANCE – PROBABILITY**

**15. END UP – FINISH**

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**tough, chance, whine, failure, set up, earn, messed-up, abolished, self-esteem, accomplished**

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