

Words of Wisdom for my Grandson

My grandson, Kylen, is now an adorable seven month old child. My daughter, Lara, is being an outstanding mother to Kylen, and Kim Anne loves being his grandmother. I'm new at grandfathering, so I'm trying to think of some words of grandfatherly wisdom to share with him when he gets older. Here are a few initial thoughts about life and growing up.

- 1) Every stage of life is difficult. It is hard to be a child, a teen, an adult, and an older person. Young boys and older guys both fart often, which boys think is hilarious. Kids and older guys both go to bed at about the same time.
- 2) The vast opportunities to annoy your parents are some of the treasures of adolescence. We know that the way your parents breathe bothers you.
- 3) Education and hard work are still the best ways for a young person to move forward with his or her life. A career in which you provide compassionate service to others is a meaningful life. If money is really important to you, don't become a psychologist. It is doubtful that you will get a job as a marijuana horticulturist or a video game consultant.
- 4) Girls are just as insecure about themselves as boys are. Later in life, your immaturity can be a great defense against the seriousness of old age.
- 5) Talking about sports is a great way to connect with guys of all races and backgrounds. Other men will respect you if you are fluent in the language of at least one sport. Don't pick badminton. Guys believe that having fun is a birthright.
- 6) A good sense of humor will help you navigate through life, particularly during presidential election years. You could become President of the United States, but only if you are a person whom large numbers of people dislike.
- 7) As a young guy, other men will relate to you if you are happy, horny, or angry. Women can help you learn about all the other emotions in your heart. Just don't expect to ever understand women.
- 8) Spirituality can help you become a kinder person. Find a philosophy of life, or a spiritual path, that is true for you. Celebrate Christmas whether you believe in it or not. The story of Christmas is probably a myth, but it is a myth about love and peace. The world needs more myths that promote love and peace.
- 9) Let your grandparents pamper you. They will try to do a better job of grandparenting you than you think they did parenting your parents.
- 10) Don't be in a hurry to grow up. Read Dr. Strange comics. Learn the ways of the Force.

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