

# A Movie Script for Your Life

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Lights! Camera! Action! In the movies life appears perfect. The good guy always wins and everything works out for the best. Life like a movie, can take strange twists and turns and one never knows how it is going to turn out. However, in life we are not guaranteed a happy ending. We must learn how to make one for ourselves. The news shows the cold reality of the world that we live in. In order to make the most of the one life you have, you need a good strong moral script to guide you. Each one of us must decide for ourselves what is in our script. The four key elements in my script would include: self-discipline, responsibility, common courtesy, and honesty.

I believe self discipline is perhaps one of the most important elements in my script. As a child my mom and dad did everything for me. Slowly as I grew I had to do more and more for myself. In the first grade my mom made sure I had everything in my backpack for school. Now that I am in the seventh grade all school work is my responsibility. I know that when I move out on my own I will not have someone there to make sure I get to work on time. Self-discipline is our inner strength. Like in the movie "Rocky", he didn't need anyone to tell him to train hard; he pushed himself to do what he needed to do.

My script also includes responsibility. For me responsibility means being accountable for my own actions and decisions. In a world of finger pointing it is easy to get caught up in the "blame game" where it is easier to blame someone else for your own mistakes. For me this is not an option.

Common courtesy seems to have gone the way of the old-time movies. For me it plays a vital role in my life's script. Being considerate of other people by holding a door for someone in a wheel chair or a baby stroller is an example of how I can help someone else with very little effort. Even a smile and a simple greeting can make a difference in another person's day.

No script should be complete without honesty. In the movies lying is like a snowball and often leads to a funny ending. In life, however, lying is no laughing matter. It often leads to pain and suffering, usually for the liar. I have learned that it's better to be honest up front than to let the problem get bigger by lying about it.

In the movies if an actor makes a mistake the director can call cut, but in life you must learn from your mistakes and know how to get back on track. By including self-discipline, responsibility, common courtesy and honesty in my script for life, I find it easier to stay on the right track. As you write your own moral script you must decide what elements you need to include to make sure you receive a four star review. That's a wrap!