

LAWS OF LIFE

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The thing that matters most in my life is that God gave me a life to live, and if God gave me that life I think I should live it to the fullest. I think I should try my best at everything I do and be thankful for the things I have. Some kids are not as lucky as I am. I have loving parents, a brother and sisters. I have family to keep me company. I have grandmas and grandpas whose house I can go to and eat Thanksgiving dinner or any holiday dinner with all of my relatives.

My family has money to send me to a Catholic school to get a good education. With this education I could make a difference in the world, and go to college and get a good job. If I would get a good paying job I could support a family of my own someday when I get older. I have the opportunity that some kids can only dream about.

I can eat three healthy meals every day and snacks whenever I get hungry. With this privilege I try to eat everything on my plate because I know that there are some families out there that are lucky if they have enough food to eat one meal a week. They have to beg for money to buy their food or they have to eat scraps out of the garbage can.

I have a house that can keep me warm in the winter or cool in the hot summer days. Sometimes I camp outside in the woods on a nice summer day and I can get a little bit of a feel for the people that have to live out on the streets. But I can eat by cooking hotdogs over the fire and having some water so I do not feel what it would be like not having anything to eat and not to have shelter. I can't even imagine what it would be like living on the streets in the winter.

I can play sports like basketball, football, or any other sport I would like. My parents will only let me play if I promise to do my best and keep my grades up. They do this because they want me and my other family members to be happy and to be able to have fun. I try to do my best in school and sports because if I do not, then it is just a waste of money and we could have given that to the missions and given the kids the opportunity to go to school and have something to eat at least once a day.

Another thing I think is an important value in my life is to have manners and be respectful for other people's property. This is almost what the commandments say, "treat one another as you would like to be treated." I think that manners are a value because it shows others that you respect them and their property and you gain trust with them.

My grandma has a saying, “Live today like it was tomorrow and make you dreams become a reality”. This is a value that is important to me. It means that you should live to your fullest potential and make everything that you do useful in some way or another.

Respect your elders is another value that my parents have taught me and is important to me. This value is important to me because they make life more adventurous and they can teach you about your history. My grandparents told me that their grandparents came from Ireland to get away from the king and queen. So they got on a boat and sailed to America and settled in Somerset, Ohio.

The most important value of my life is that God gave me a life to live and I should treat that life he gave me with respect. God gave you a life and tomorrow he could take it away. Tomorrow cannot be promised to or for anyone, but if you respect your life and not do drugs or smoke or drink excessively maybe many more tomorrows will be in store for you. So to live my life to the fullest I am going to respect the life that God gave me.