

Words of Wisdom for the Graduate...

1. Begin each day with a grateful heart.
2. Life is a precious gift, treat it like one.
3. You are 100 percent responsible for yourself and your life. Plan accordingly.
4. Excuses are for wimps and whiners.
5. Kindness should be tossed around like confetti - liberally and with total abandon.
6. Expect great things of yourself - then do them.
7. No matter how much you'd rather stay in bed... get up, dress up, show up, and never give up.
8. Lessons in life are repeated until they are learned.
9. Choose wisely - in life and love.
10. Do not settle for a job, a spouse, or anything worthwhile in life.
11. Do not mumble. Successful people speak clearly and articulately.
12. Failure isn't a sign of weakness, it's a step closer to success.
13. Even the darkest, blackest night will give way to a beautiful new day.
14. Trust your gut instincts. Always.
15. Don't rush. Enjoy your youth and don't be in such a hurry for the next chapter of your life to begin.
16. Be fiercely, passionately tenacious about what sets your soul aflame.
17. Time is non-refundable and non-transferable. Use it with intention and great care. Waste it well.
18. Never place the key to your happiness in someone else's hand.
19. Laugh often. Laugh lines are a sign of a life well lived and loved.
20. People will hurt you, disappoint you, and fail you - but don't ever let them break you.
21. Lighten up! Life is hard, so don't be too serious.
22. Don't feel the need to explain yourself when others don't like your answer.
23. What others think of you is absolutely none of your business.
24. Don't lose sight of the beautiful moment you are in by focusing on one that might appear tomorrow.
25. You have two ears and one mouth for a good reason.
26. Never compare yourself to others.
27. Your feet aren't encased in cement. If you don't like what's around you, move!
28. Learn the difference between motivation and inspiration.
29. Be generous with your attention, sincerity, kindness, and smiles.
30. Always be honest. Always.
31. Don't follow the crowd. God made you unique for a very good reason.
32. Don't dim your sparkle because someone else doesn't like the way you shine.

33. You can never be too polite, too kind, or too soft.
34. Say what you mean, mean what you say, and do what you promise.
35. Dress for success — and remember it is better to be overdressed than inappropriately attired.
36. Never stop learning. Things that stop growing tend to begin rotting.
37. Make everyone you meet feel like they are someone special.
38. Don't spend your life waiting... to be happy, to travel, to pursue your dreams. Make a plan and make it happen.
39. Even flowers have to struggle through dirt to reach the sunshine and bloom.
40. Be someone people can depend on and trust.
41. Leaps of faith will take you places you never imagined traveling.
42. Don't believe in luck — believe in working hard for what you want.
43. There is no makeup in the world that can compare to the beauty of confidence and compassion.
44. You can tell a lot by a person's fingernails.
45. When someone tells you that you can't do something - prove them wrong.
46. Believe in yourself.
47. Be relentless in pursuing what makes your heart sing.
48. If you lose clarity, shift your focus.
49. People will spot a fake a mile away. Be genuine and sincere.
50. Little by little, you will go a long way. Enjoy the journey without obsessing over the destination.
51. Never compromise your values. Nothing in this world is worth it.
52. The majority of things you fear will never happen.
53. Let go of everything that weighs you down or makes you sad.
54. You aren't entitled to a wonderful life. Work hard, be kind, and make it happen yourself.
55. Once in a while, be ridiculously silly.
56. Don't marry a person you think you can live with. Marry the person you can't live your life without.
57. True beauty springs from the heart.
58. Stay humble.
59. Learn to give and receive grace.
60. There's a reason the early bird catches the worm.
61. Never let anyone devalue your dreams.
62. Find what makes you happy, find who sings to your heart - and life will be an amazing adventure.
63. Be grateful and count your blessings every day.
64. Deep breaths can get you through many situations that will make you want to hyperventilate.
65. Before you say something in anger, ask yourself: "If this is the last thing I ever say to this person, is it what I want them to remember?"