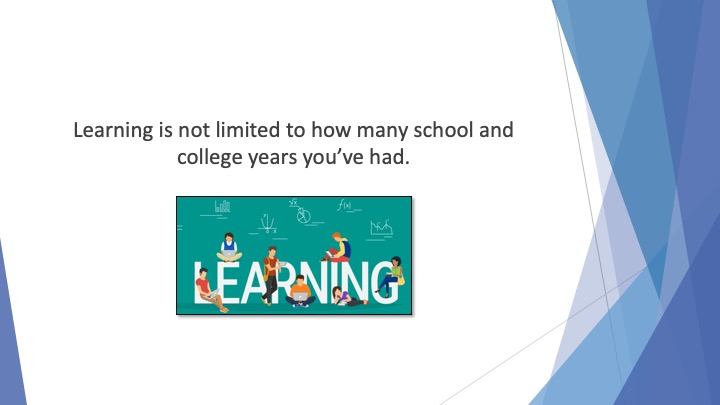
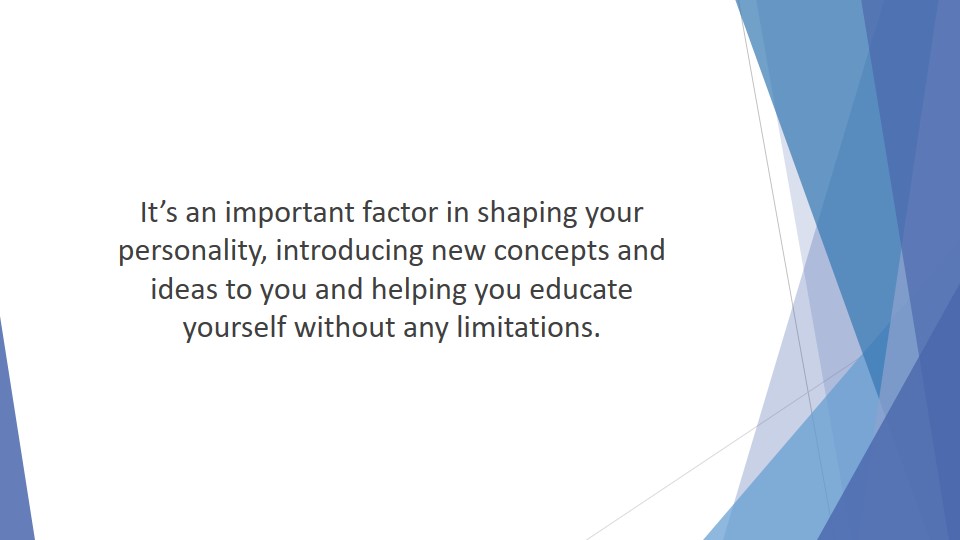
**Chapter 9: Be A Lifelong Learner**

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**S1** : In this video, we’ll talk about “Being A Lifelong Learner”



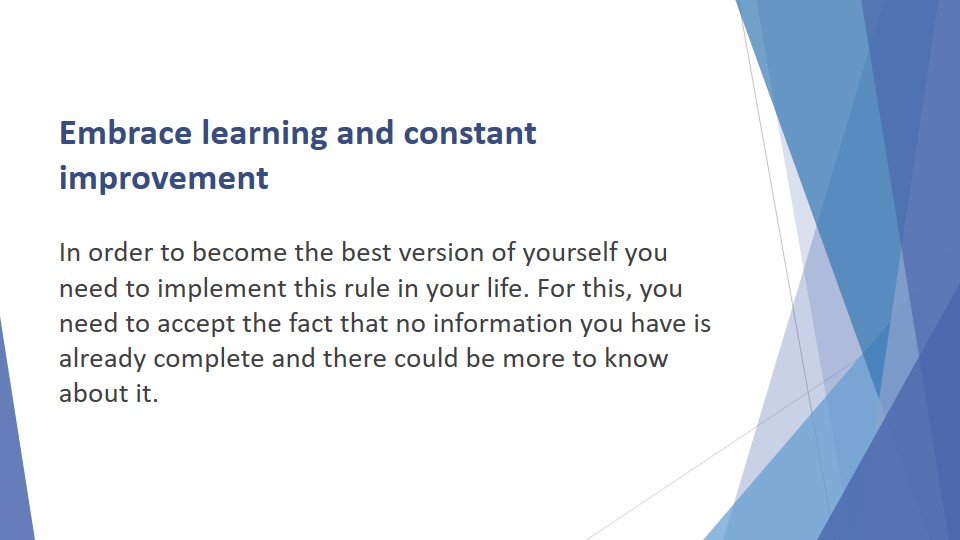
**S2** : Learning is not limited to how many school and college years you’ve had. Instead, it’s a constant, ongoing process of evolution. One that involves acknowledging that you don’t know everything.



**S3** : It’s an important factor in shaping your personality, introducing new concepts and ideas to you and helping you educate yourself without any limitations. If anything, the worst thing you could do to yourself is insist that you already know everything.

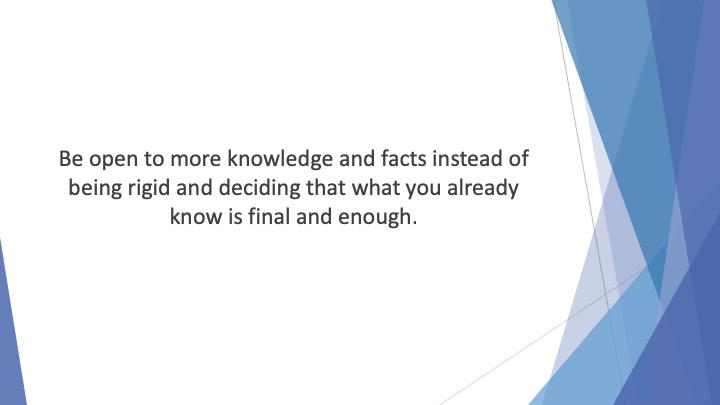


**S4** : But choosing to evolve isn’t always easy. Evolving means mastering success by continuously becoming a better version of your current self. It also implies that you be humble enough to accept correction and improvement.

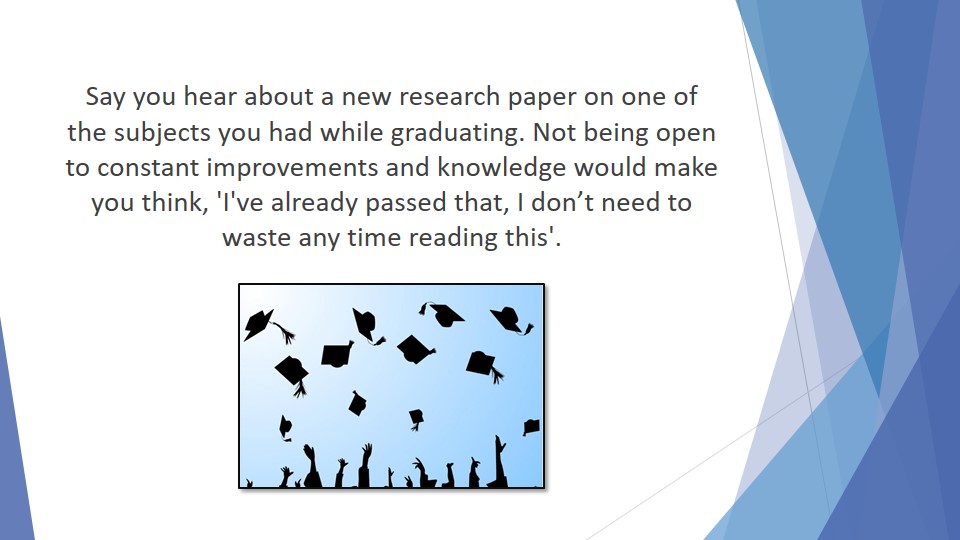


**S5 : Embrace learning and constant improvement**

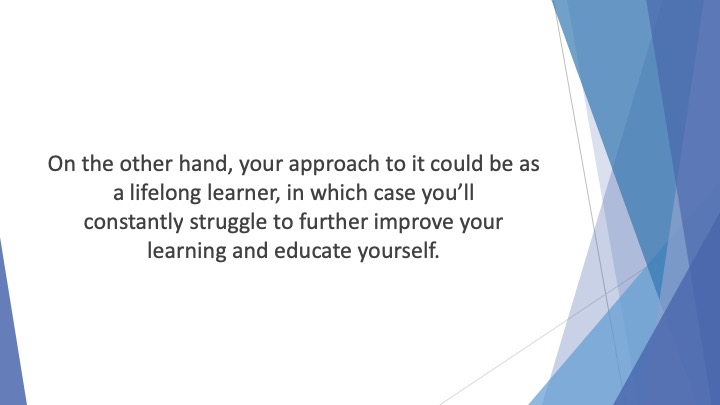
In order to become the best version of yourself you need to implement this rule in your life. For this, you need to accept the fact that no information you have is already complete and there could be more to know about it.



**S6 :** Be open to more knowledge and facts instead of being rigid and deciding that what you already know is final and enough.

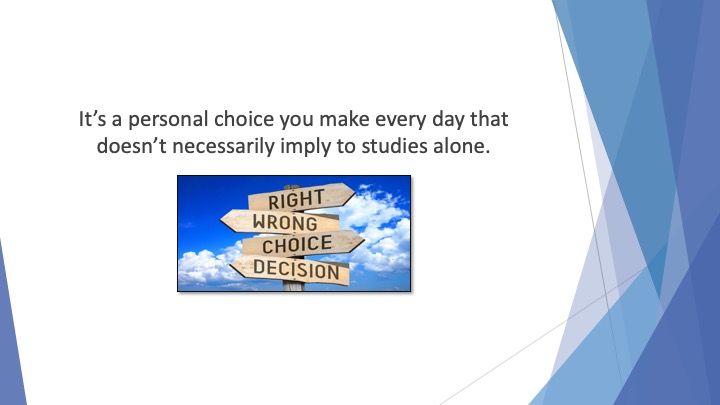


**S7 :** Say you hear about a new research paper on one of the subjects you had while graduating. Not being open to constant improvements and knowledge would make you think, 'I've already passed that, I don’t need to waste any time reading this'.

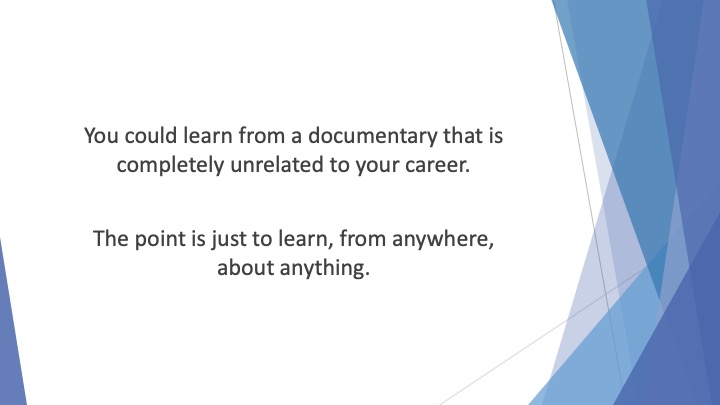


**S8 :** On the other hand, your approach to it could be as a lifelong learner, in which case you’ll constantly struggle to further improve your learning and educate yourself.

Also, it’s only at school that parents or teachers push you to study and learn whatever’s in the curriculum.

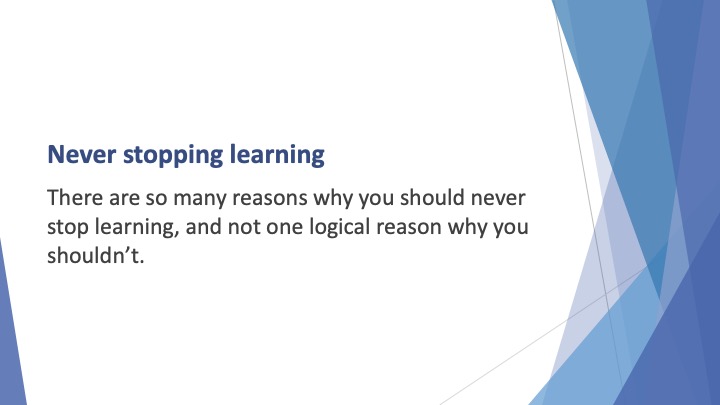


**S9 :** After that, you are on your own and learning becomes a self-motivated task. It’s a personal choice you make every day that doesn’t necessarily imply to studies alone.



**S10 :** Instead, it implies to the overall education you have. You could learn from a documentary that is completely unrelated to your career. You could learn how to milk cows from a relative who owns a farm. Or you could learn how to make jam from your grandmother.

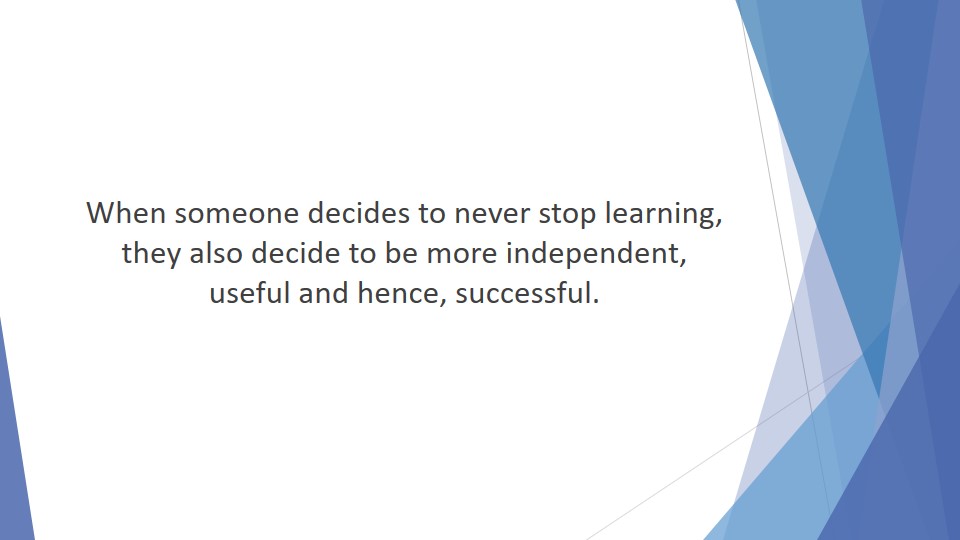
The point is just to learn, from anywhere, about anything.

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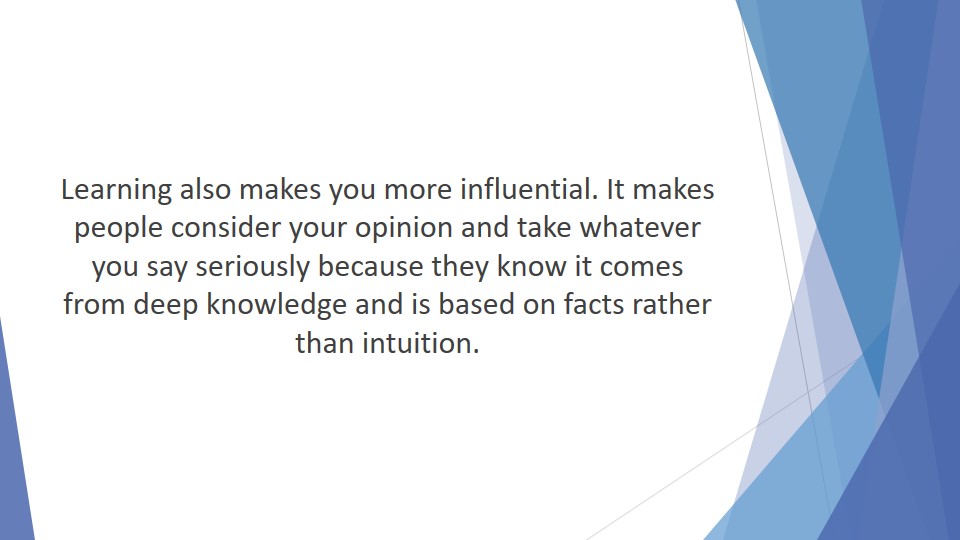
**S11 :** **Never stopping learning**

There are so many reasons why you should never stop learning, and not one logical reason why you shouldn’t. The struggle and desire to learn all your life can shape your personality for the better. Everyone knows that one person in their circle who’s just so charismatic and interesting to talk to.

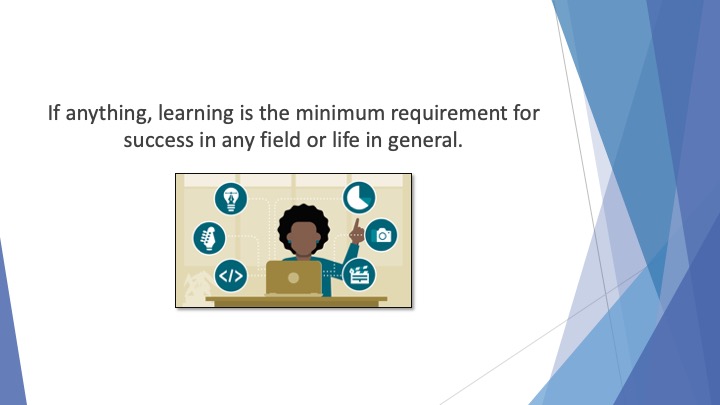
Someone who genuinely has something to contribute to conversations instead of mere opinions. Someone who has knowledge and stories to share with everybody. Such are lifelong learners.



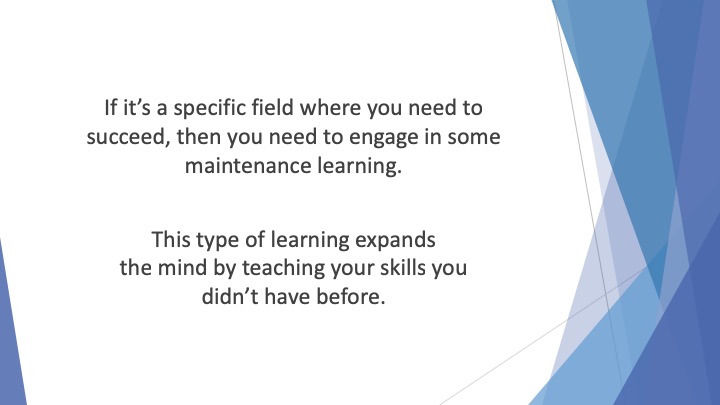
**S12 :** When someone decides to never stop learning, they also decide to be more independent, useful and hence, successful.



**S13**: Learning also makes you more influential. It makes people consider your opinion and take whatever you say seriously because they know it comes from deep knowledge and is based on facts rather than intuition.

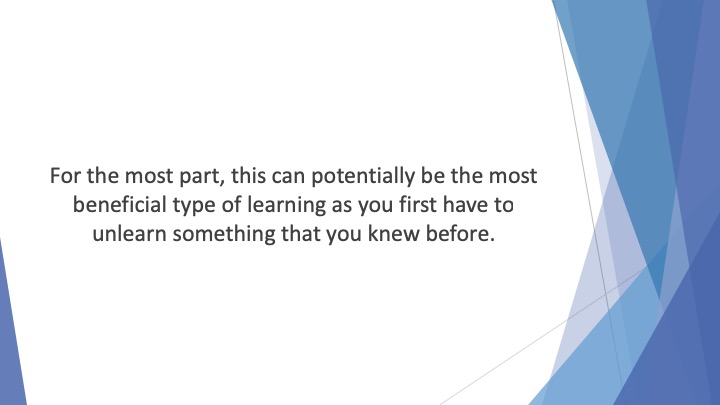


**S14 :** If anything, learning is the minimum requirement for success in any field or life in general. You need to keep increasing your knowledge to keep up with everything that’s going on.

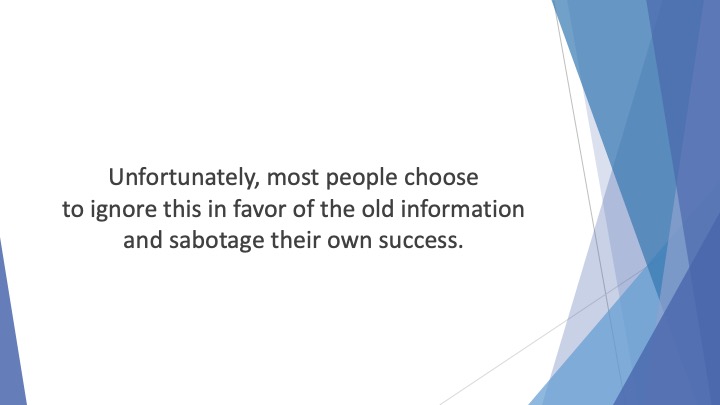


**S15 :**  If it’s a specific field where you need to succeed, then you need to engage in some maintenance learning. This keep you on track and stops you from falling behind. If you need to groom yourself further, you get into some growth learning.

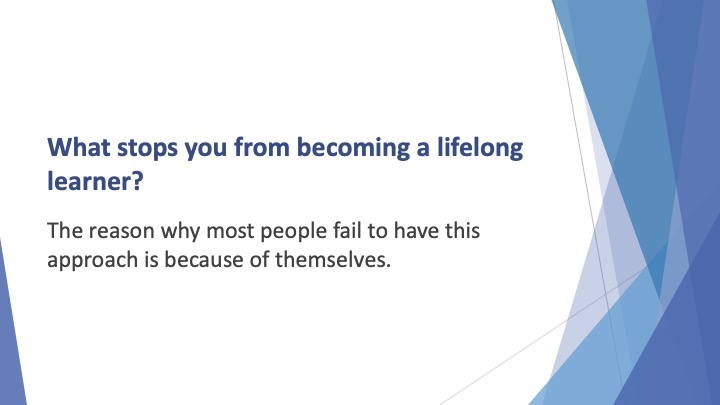
This type of learning expands the mind by teaching your skills you didn’t have before.



**S16 :** And finally, there’s something called shock learning, which contradicts something that you knew before. For the most part, this can potentially be the most beneficial type of learning as you first have to unlearn something that you knew before.



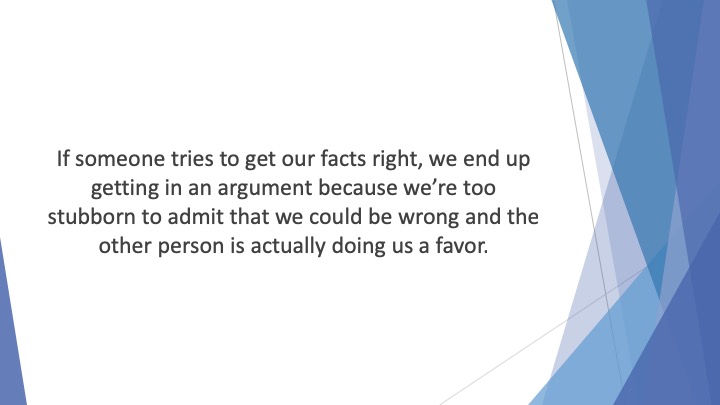
**S17 :** Then you have to relearn the new information which gives you new insight into an old situation. Unfortunately, most people choose to ignore this in favor of the old information and sabotage their own success. You need to be never afraid of change.



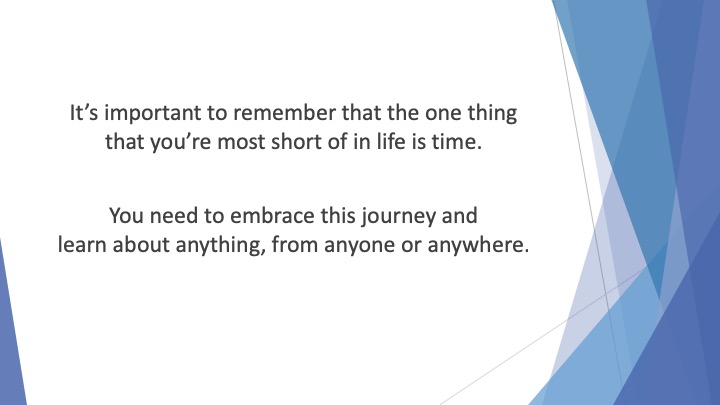
**S18 : What stops you from becoming a lifelong learner?**

The reason why most people fail to have this approach is because of themselves.

After being done with a subject, most students never go back to the library to open up a new book about the same subject. Same is the case with all other situations in our lives. We are not 'open' to learning.



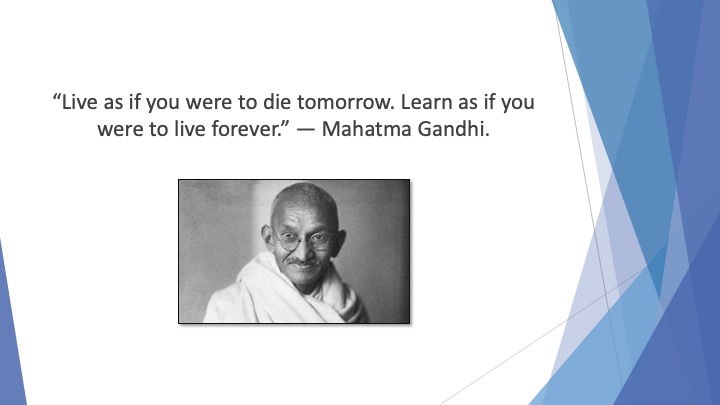
**S19 :** If someone tries to get our facts right, we end up getting in an argument because we’re too stubborn to admit that we could be wrong and the other person is actually doing us a favor.

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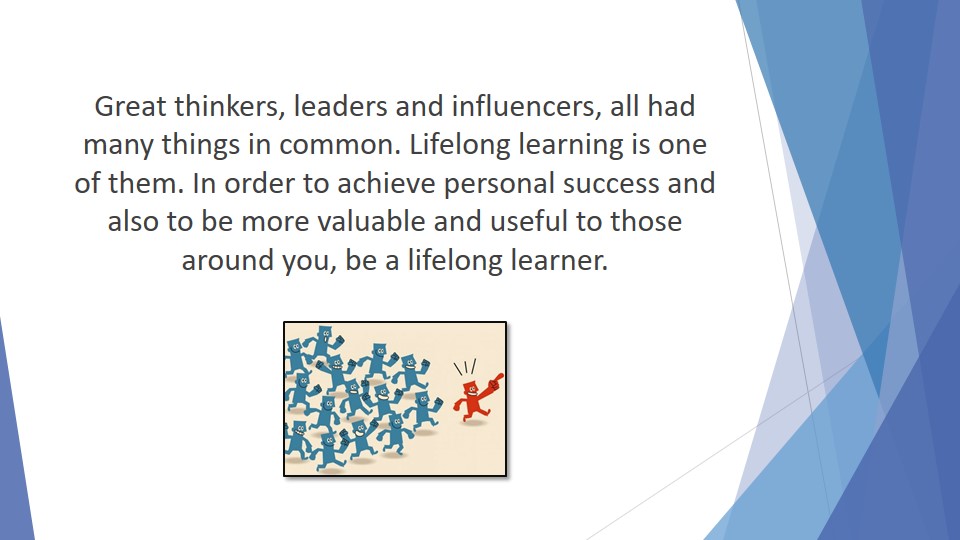
**S20 :** It’s important to remember that the one thing that you’re most short of in life is time. It can be a huge barrier to lifelong learning.

In order to be a lifelong learner, you need to change your mindset and concepts about it. You need to make learning a priority. There are no rules, no boundaries.

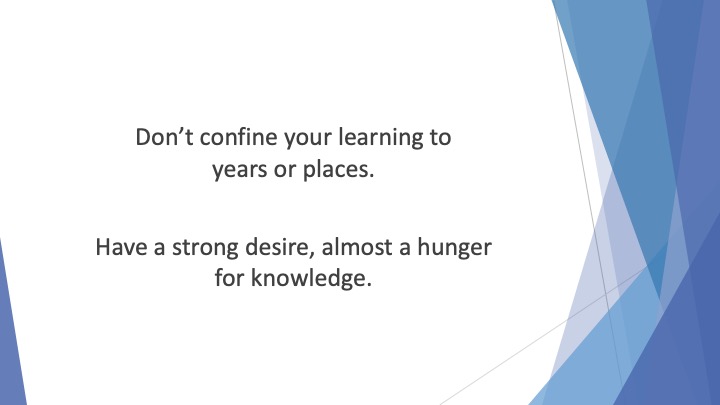
You need to embrace this journey and learn about anything, from anyone or anywhere. And it’s not only about pouring yourself into books, it’s about things you learn every day from those around you. It’s not confined to the walls of a lecture hall.



**S21 :** “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” ― Mahatma Gandhi.



**S22 :** Great thinkers, leaders and influencers, all had many things in common. Lifelong learning is one of them. In order to achieve personal success and also to be more valuable and useful to those around you, be a lifelong learner.

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**S23 :** Don’t confine your learning to years or places. Don’t confine to learn just from books. Anyone and any event can teach you important things, as long as you set your mind to it. Have a strong desire, almost a hunger for knowledge. Without real passion towards learning, it’ll be like a burden you bear in school years, not education.