Some Instructions for Life

(from the Nepalese tradition)

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- Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
- · When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
- · Follow the three R's respect for self, respect for others, and responsibility for all your actions.
- Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
- Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.
- Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
- When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
- · Spend some time alone every day.
- Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
- · Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.
- · A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.
- In disagreements with loved ones, deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
- Share your knowledge; it's a way to achieve immortality.
- · Be gentle with the earth.
- Once a year, go some place you've never been before.
- Remember that the best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.

- · Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
- · Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.