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Charles Schultz Philosophy

Part I



The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of Charlie Brown and the "Peanuts" comic strip. Don't think about the questions too hard. Just read them and see if you can answer them quickly.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.



How did you do?

These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But still, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. The applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Part II



Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Was that easier?



Discussion Questions:

- Why were these questions easier to answer?
- How were the people you thought of in Part II different from the people in Part I?
- What lesson do these questions teach?

Remember: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care. Pass this on to those people who have made a difference in your life.

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today.

It's already tomorrow in Australia."

(Charles Schultz)