

Key Takeaways From “Seeds of Wisdom” by Mendel Kalmenson

- To help someone is to put them on their feet, not on your shoulders.
- Whatever you're doing, be fully present in the moment.
- Who is rich? One who is satisfied with what he has.
- Material discontent is a vice. Spiritual discontent is a virtue.
- In order to turn a new page, you might need to complete the previous chapter.
- You can't always judge your success in the moment.
- Constant evaluation can stifle growth.
- You cannot leap if someone else is carrying you.
- It's not the mouse who steals. It's the hole it climbs through that's responsible for the theft.
- If used properly, vanity can produce a virtue.
- Be true to yourself and your passions at all costs.
- In order to advance forward, you might need to burn the bridges leading you back.
- We are co-authors in our destiny.
- It's not enough to be good at it, the key to success is loving what you do.
- When it comes to a good deed, don't be too calculating.
- The larger the decision, the greater the need for volition.
- Don't confuse doing a great deal, with doing all you can.
- It is the way of our world that when a slap is given, it is given to the face. Not because the face committed a greater wrong, but because it is the purest representation of the whole individual. The ones who take a hit are the purest.
- What propelled you forward yesterday might hold you back today.
- If you want to know how it works, study the manual.
- View every opportunity as a calling.
- There is no greater honor than the responsibility to mold future generations.
- Don't confuse the essential with the peripheral.
- A wise teacher knows who a child is and shows him who he can become.
- The mind operates at its best when it is willingly engaged.
- Structured living doesn't limit, it liberates.
- You don't have to know everything in order to teach something.
- Know where you come from. That will help determine where you'll go.

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- Where there is love, there is respect.
- The more you dwell on the qualities of your spouse, the stronger your love will become.
- You don't need to be on the same page, but you should be reading from the same book.
- The more we give of ourselves, the more of ourselves we have to give.
- Sometimes it's what you don't say that best expresses your affection.
- Treat the pain of someone you love as your own.
- Marry your spouse for who they are, not for who you'd like them to become.
- Pedigree is inherited, nobility is earned.
- Choose a destination. Get there step by step.
- The inspiration you are seeking is already deep within you.
- You may never be fully aware of the impact of your actions.
- If you nurture your own fire, its warmth will spread to those around you.
- In a world governed by choice, wisdom must be offered, not imposed.
- If you don't provide another way, it is wrong to step away.
- Leadership is measured not by personal virtue, but by the benefit brought to others.
- A true leader creates leaders, not followers.
- If your objection is the end result, you don't have to corner the market.
- Don't judge yourself by immediate results. There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.
- Put deed before creed.
- Quality begets quantity.
- Improving the world around us comes before perfecting our own inner world.
- Make sure every encounter has the utmost meaning.
- Strive to reach the level where giving is living.
- If you stay focused, you can defy expectations.
- If you want to affect the world, change yourself first.