

ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE

IF YOU'RE A YOUNG PERSON reading this book to gain some insights from the life experience of older people this is the money chapter because it speaks directly to you. Responses are presented primarily in their own words and are direct but with little finger wagging. They have all had their trials and made mistakes.

In many ways this chapter is a mirror image of the previous chapter on regrets because people answer the questions based on the things they have learned from their own mistakes and observations. And as with previous chapters the answers are somewhat arbitrarily categorized but done so in an attempt to bring some organization to many and varied responses.

TOP TEN PIECES OF ADVICE

- 1. Get an education
- 2. Think things through, have a plan, set goals
- 3. Get some kind of career, vocation, trade or training
- 4. Find the right mate
- 5. Have good morals, honest, respectful, good character
- 6. Find out what you enjoy and pursue it
- 7. Avoid debt and live within your means
- 8. Have a positive attitude and do the best you can in everything you do
- 9. Know yourself, establish yourself, and be your own person
- 10. Work Hard

Because lack of formal education was the most common regret expressed it is not surprising that the most common piece of advice to young people is to get an education. For many people it was the first word out of their mouth when asked to offer advice, yet few felt the need to elaborate. Many