

Lessons to Be Learned From Nelson Mandela's Life

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There are many lessons one can take away from Nelson Mandela's life. For me, the greatest lesson is the importance of perseverance. From an early age, Nelson Mandela wanted to make a difference. Throughout grade school, college, and later in life, he formed and joined many protests. He also led a National Strike, and even spent time in jail. Mandela never took his eyes off his goal: to lead all Black South Africans out of bondage. Eventually, after 20-30 years of work, Mandela's goals were met, because he was not afraid to risk his life, his freedom, and even his family for justice. This required amazing perseverance!

Another lesson one can discern from Nelson Mandela is courage. I can barely comprehend the true courage and strength it required to lead hundreds of average citizens against the powerful government. Mr. Mandela endured nine months of hard labor, two years of detainment, and restricted citizenship status when he was barely out of college, so he could help make South Africa a better country for all Africans. It took true faith, and courage—not the kind you read about in fairytales—to believe, that, there was hope for the future. To believe you could make a difference.

A third lesson we can learn from Mandela's life is, that, it is imperative to trust in yourself and what YOU can achieve.

By drawing lessons from Nelson Mandela's life, I am able to become a better person. I know to persevere in reaching my goals, to have courage, and to trust in myself. Nelson Mandela was one of the most selfless, successful civil rights activists of our time. His life is like a set of instructions I can follow to become a better person and make a difference in the world.

Lessons we can all learn from the Life of Nelson Mandela

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As we follow the life of the greatest leaders, we learn many things. We learn about them and how it was back then. But we also see how people fought for what they believed. From Nelson Mandela's actions, we can learn many life lessons.

One life lesson is to never give up and follow your dreams. Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison for fighting against the apartheid government in South Africa. Upon his release, he went on to become the country's president through its first democratic election. And after his term, he spent his life tirelessly campaigning for peace and equality.

We don't all have to have the same opinion. If more people grasped this concept, the world would be an infinitely better place. We can agree to disagree. We can like different football team and still be friends. And we'll be better for respecting and seeing the merit in perspectives other than our own. As Nelson Mandela always said, "I like friends who have independent minds because they tend to make you see problems from all angles."

One last lesson is that if it were easy, everyone would be doing it. "Difficulties break some men but make others. No axe is sharp enough to cut the soul of a sinner who keeps on trying, one armed with the hope that he will rise even in the end." This quote said by Nelson Mandela is true. The things that are truly worth having in life are usually the hardest to come by. It's the people who persevere and push through the difficulties who ultimately accomplish what they set out to achieve.

These are only three of the many lessons we can learn from this great leader. His people looked up to him as we look up to our leaders. Without them the world would be at a lost. But to do all this you have to have courage. You have to persevere. You can never give up.

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“I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die”. No more could explain it; Nelson Mandela was a man of hope and peace. Mandela had heard many stories of his ancestors’ gallantry, during the wars of resistance. He dreamed of making his own contribution to the freedom struggle of his people. There is so much we can learn from this extraordinary man. We can learn how hardworking he was, as he became the first African American president of South Africa. Or how faithful he was, knowing there would always be peace. Possibilities could be infinite, but the most significant was how he *never* gave up. Mandela had been arrested twice and spent a total of 27 years in jail, but he didn’t keep that memory with him and weep about it. Instead he pushed that memory away and tried to improve things. Mandela had devoted his life to make the world a better place. When he couldn’t attend his mother’s and eldest son’s funeral, due to his imprisonment, Mandela found a way to make it thorough without that memory, haunting him for life. We can learn to always be determined, even in in the darkest of days from Mandela. Nelson Mandela had always believed in peace, and wished the world could share his love and devotion to peace and making the world a better place. As Nelson Mandela said, “We can make the world a better place. It’s in your hands to make a difference.”