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Life Lessons We Can All Learn From "Peanuts" By Tyler Chancellor



Everybody knows who Charlie Brown is. Whether you're young or old, you'll be able to recognize that yellow shirt from a mile away. Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang have been entertaining millions of people for many years now. From the original comic strips, to the animated TV specials and most recently a feature length film, the creator Charles Schulz has proven that the Peanuts are a timeless classic. While the Peanuts Gang have entertained me since I was a little boy and first saw *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, I've also learned many important life lessons from them. I've learned many things about growing up from Charlie Brown himself. These lessons are ones that I feel anyone can relate to, and it is never too late to learn them.

First, Charlie Brown is a kid who has an attitude that is mostly positive, even though it seems like the whole world is against him. It can be a bright sunny day when Charlie Brown decides he really wants to fly his kite. Then suddenly out of nowhere, a storm will blow in and whisk his kite away, leaving Charlie Brown to exclaim his classic "good grief." But Charlie Brown never lets things get him down for very long. He will be upset for the moment, but he will always brush off what just happened and head straight to his next goal. Charlie Brown teaches us to always look on the bright side of things and to never give up. Things are not always going to go your way, and sometimes it may seem like nobody wants you to succeed, but it is important to persevere. Charlie Brown wakes up every morning, greets his best friend Snoopy and tells himself that "today is going to be a great day."

Secondly, while Charlie Brown always tries to look at the good things in life, even he can become broken down. He is used to things not going his way, but sometimes it is too much for him to handle. When these moments occur, Charlie Brown can always count on his friends and family to be there for him. Snoopy is always there to make him laugh, Linus is always there with words of inspiration, Lucy is always there to give him sound advice (though she can be a little rough) and his little sister Sally is always there to cheer up her big brother. The Peanuts Gang teaches us that it is important to have people in your life that love and care for you, and want you to succeed.

Lastly, Charlie Brown also taught me that there needs to be a time when we stop being afraid to fail. Failure can give us strength. It shows us that we have tried but that we just are not there yet. Failure is a good teacher. By failing, we learn to improve. Failure can help us to get things done in life. If we want to succeed, sometimes we must first fail and not be afraid to get back up and try again.

When the goings get tough, think of Charlie Brown. The kid is eight years old and has faced more problems and failures than most middle-aged people. It's easy to quit. Anyone can quit, but not just anyone can fail. Failure takes effort, but many people are too afraid to even try.

