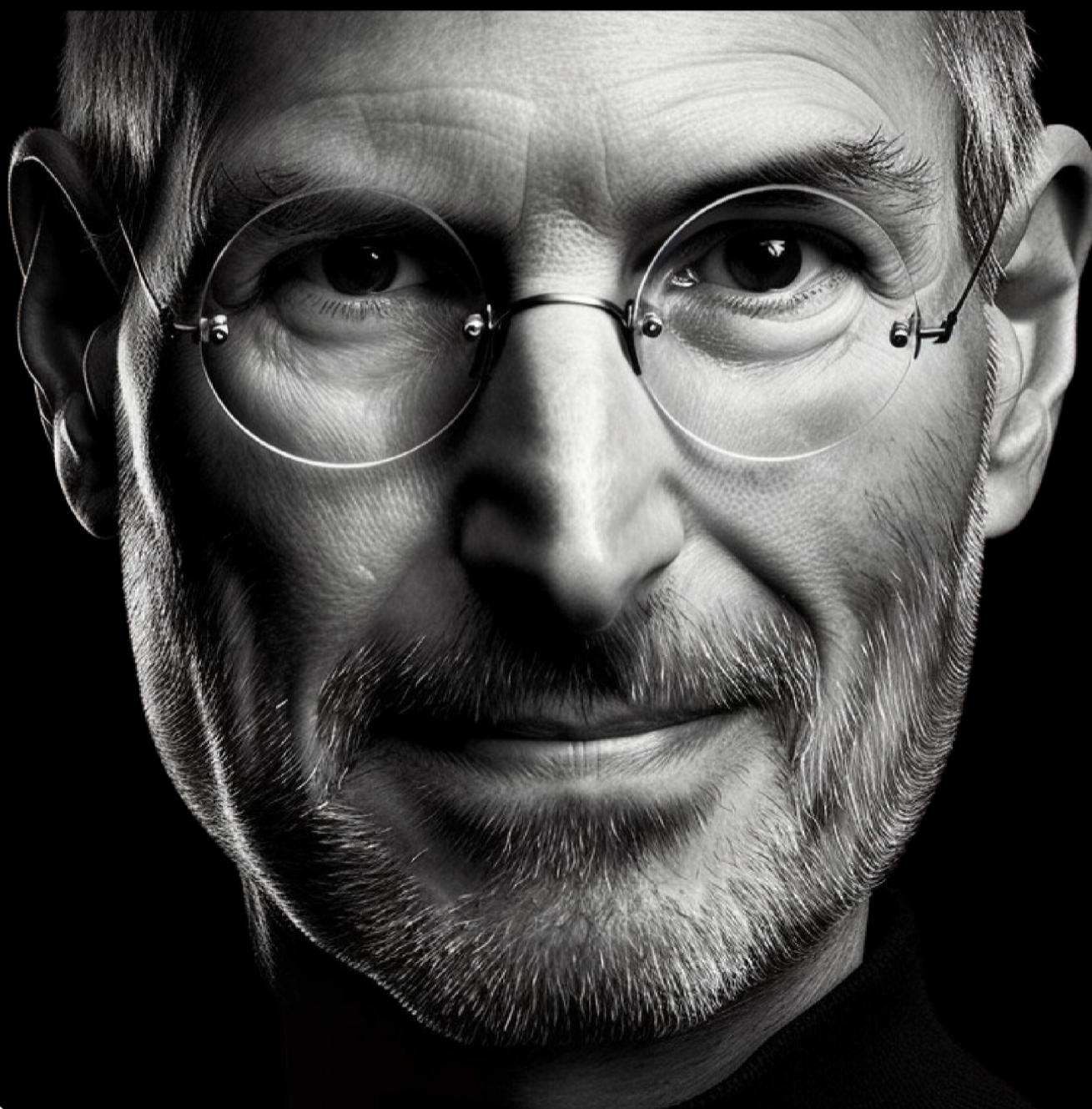


# TOP 5 LESSONS FROM STEVE JOBS' STANFORD SPEECH



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**As one of the most influential entrepreneurs of our time, Steve Jobs** gave many inspiring speeches throughout his career.

One of the most memorable speeches was his **2005 commencement address at Stanford University.**

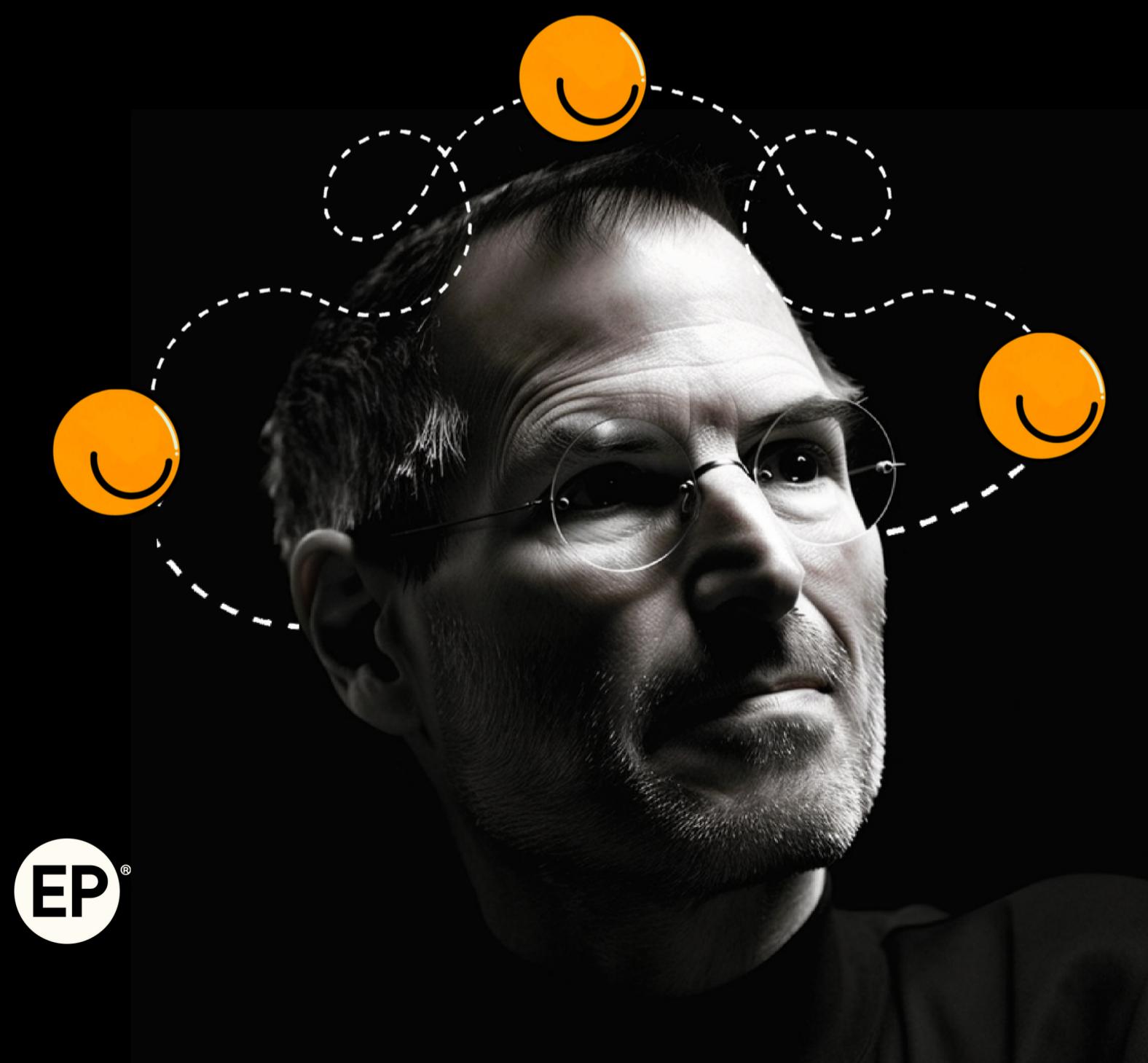
Here are Steve's **top 5 insights on life, career, and success** from that famous speech.



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**#1**

**"You can't connect the dots looking forward, you can only connect them looking backward."**





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Steve shared how his seemingly **unrelated experiences in college, traveling to India, and working at Atari**, all eventually led him to **co-found Apple**.

## **Key Lessons:**

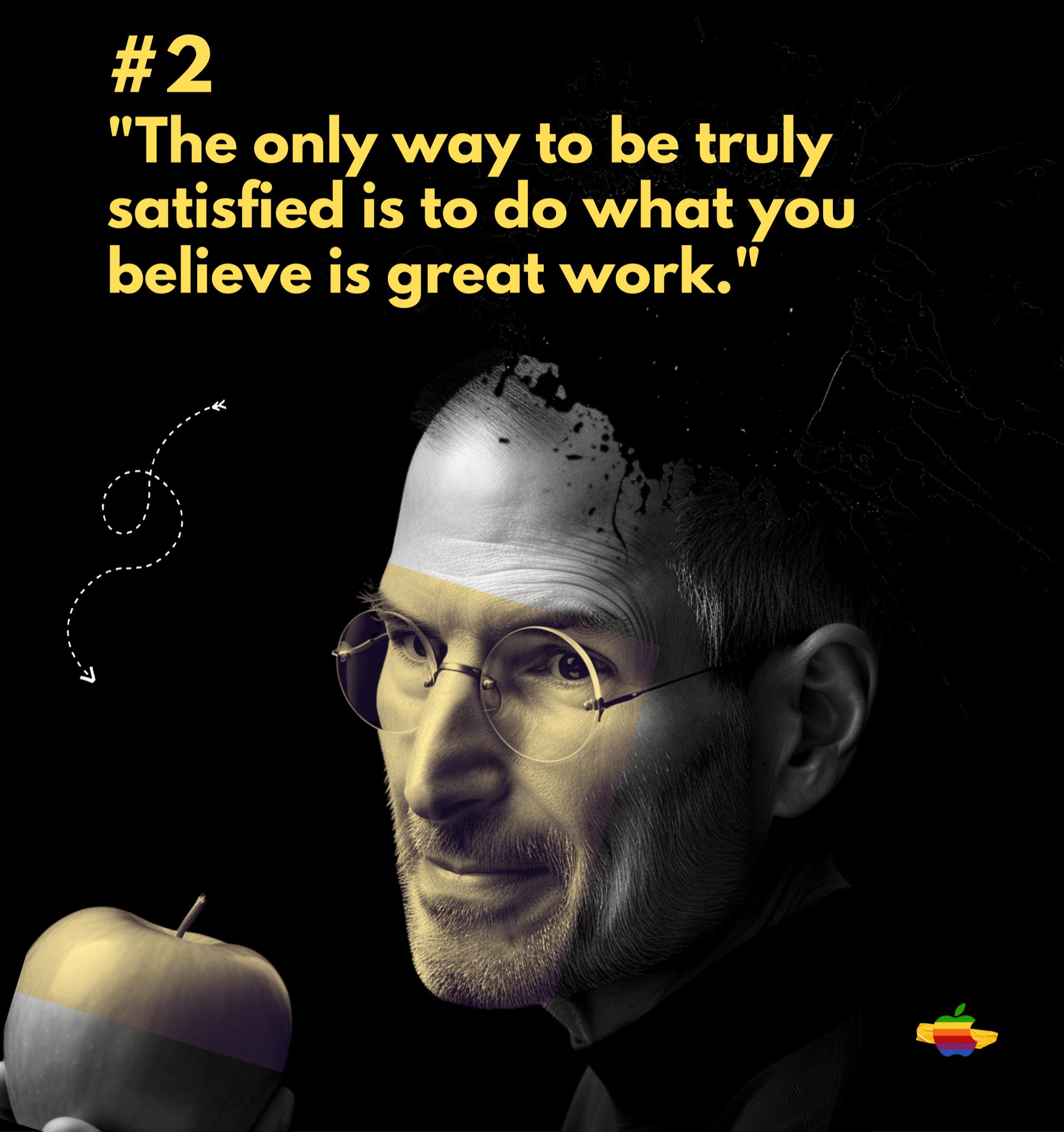
- Trust the journey of your life.
- Walk in the direction of your passions and interests.
- Eventually, the dots connect and you'll find yourself where you're meant to be.



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**#2**

**"The only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work."**





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Steve focused on **doing work that he was proud of**. This was so important that he was even **willing to fail** and dropped out of school **to pursue his dream** with Apple.

## **Key Lessons:**

- Doing 'great work' brings true satisfaction.
- Don't let the fear of failure hold you back.
- Don't spend your life doing something that doesn't bring you joy.



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**#3**

**"If today were the last day of  
my life, would I want to do  
what I am about to do  
today?"**

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ΑΕΝΗΙΖΡΣΓΟΠΩΣΗΙΦΛ  
ΟΔΔΛΛΜΝΡΚΩΣΗΙΥ





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Steve explained that he would **ask himself this question every morning**, and **if the answer was 'no' too many days** in a row he knew **a change was needed**.

## **Key Lessons:**

- Regularly reflect on your life.
- Ask yourself if you're living the life you truly want.
- Don't be afraid to make a change if the answer is 'no'.



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**#4**

**"Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice."**





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Steve urged graduates to **not let other people's opinions or expectations sway them from pursuing their own path in life.** He emphasized the importance of **staying true to oneself** and **following one's own intuition.**

## **Key Lessons:**

- Don't let other people's opinions dictate your life.
- Trust your own instincts, even if it means going against the norm.



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**#5**

**"Stay hungry, stay foolish."**





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Steve concluded his speech with this now-famous quote. He encouraged graduates **to never lose their hunger for learning** and to **always be open to new experiences**, even if it means **taking risks and being foolish**.

## Key Lessons:

- Remain open to new experiences.
- Cultivate a hunger for learning.
- Don't be afraid to take risks.



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**Steve Jobs made a lasting mark on modern times** that we still feel today. And although he may no longer be with us in the flesh, let's not forget **the timeless lessons that he shared.**

1. Trust the journey of your life.
2. Doing 'great work' drives satisfaction.
3. Ensure you are living the life you want.
4. Be willing to go against the norm.
5. Cultivate a hunger for learning and new experiences.





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for daily updates.

A smartphone is shown from a top-down perspective, displaying a LinkedIn post. The post features a blue header bar with the EP logo. The main content area shows a circular profile picture of a smiling man (Eric Partaker) in a dark suit. Below the image, the text reads: "How do you typically start your work day? Most people start it in their inbox, or perhaps on social media. Little do they realize they're taking a sledge hammer to their ability to focus, instantly scattering their thoughts and concentration across a myriad of things. It's as if they've dropped themselves into a pinball machine at the start of their day, so they can be bounced from one person's agenda to the next. Soon that morning email session turns into some phone calls, and then some meetings, followed by a few urgent requests that come knocking on the door. Suddenly we reach the end of the day, wondering where it went and feeling frustrated that we didn't get to what mattered most. And that doesn't feel very good, does it? So, I challenge you to break away from the pack. To do and think differently. For just the next 7 days, start your day being creative before reactive. For just the first 60 minutes of your work day refuse to go into your inbox. In fact, I highly recommend that you don't even check your inbox while getting ready for work at home (and I bet that sounds absolutely terrifying, right?)."/>The smartphone screen displays a LinkedIn post by Eric Partaker. The post starts with a question: "How do you typically start your work day?". It then discusses how many people start their day in their inbox or on social media, comparing it to using a sledgehammer on their focus. The post continues to describe how this leads to a chaotic start to the day with multiple interruptions. It ends with a challenge to break away from this routine and start the day differently, specifically mentioning skipping the inbox for the first 60 minutes.

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