

Last Lecture Thoughts

Despite its length, I really enjoyed Randy Pausch's Last Lecture. His life lessons were very inciting and his stories were well told. My favorite of his life lessons is that if you stick with someone long enough they will eventually impress you. After doing some thinking, I found this true from examples in my life. Now that I realize the truth of this message, I plan on reminding myself of it when I help someone in the future. Another one of his lessons I enjoyed was his lesson that karma exists. I have rarely had any terrible things happen in my life and I feel like that is partly because I try to help others as much as I can. However, I can still improve my good karma and sharpen it to the max in order to help others and myself. Throughout his lecture he also talked about how the way people said things to him mattered. For instance, the first guy that he consulted that didn't know anything about VR blatantly said that he had no idea and wasn't going to try to understand it. Whereas his boss said that he had no idea except he would try to work things out. This lesson of always trying to understand new things to create an open mind is I think very important in the business world and the real world. It can make people feel more important and can create new friends or even more money. Another one of his examples of the way someone said something to him mattered was when he was a TA. This was when he was told he was a jerk, but in a more eye opening way. This technique of disguising an anti-close minded topic is really helpful when needing to address things and I think I will try to use it in the future. Overall, Last Lecture was very enjoyable and learnable but also heartbreaking at the same time since he only had 2 months left to live. Also the ending was very probably unintentionally emotional since he said that the whole lecture was for his kids which is an amazing way to wrap up the last lecture anyone could give.