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PRICE TAGS

There is a price tag on everything. You must always pay the price if you are to have the goods. There is no such thing as a bargain. When a dress is reduced in price there is some reason for it. It is soiled, out of season, or an odd size, or something

similar. Sometimes storekeepers use certain so called bargains as "draws" for the sales, but you always pay the price on the tag in one way or another. So it is with life. You must pay the price for what you choose to do. If you want good grades, you must study. If you want honors and privileges which come with "first class", you must be willing to abide by the rules and regulations. This is the price you must pay. If there is more pleasure in breaking the rules of the game than pleasure derived from playing the game honestly and well, then pay the price and do not complain. How often you have heard the statement, "You can't have your cake and eat it too." Life is like that. If you make a mistake by thinking a thing is worth the price and find out later it is not, you should be good sports, take your medicine gladly, and not do the same thing again.

There is a long and short view of things. The short view is deceiving. You often feel it is more pleasure to leave your work undone and do something else, but there is a price on that pleasure, too. The price is work piling up, a feeling of being rushed, and often just plain failure. Sometimes diplomas are lost, and then students decide the price was too great and was not worth the cost. What can be done? You can cry, fuss, blame other people, kick, but all to no avail. The price has already been paid. You can start over use your experience as a stepping stone to success. You can check on the weeks months, and years, and mark them to loss instead of profit, but you can learn your lesson.

Life is like that. A price tag is on everything. A thing is often not worth the price. A hasty marriage may bring immediate pleasure, but the cost of a lifetime of unhappiness is not worth the short time of happiness. The price is too great.

Leaving college and taking a job before you finish college means money in your pocket now, but as you take the
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