

“STAY HUNGRY, STAY FOOLISH

Steve Jobs is the co-founder, chairman and CEO of Apple Inc. He is well known as a very successful and charismatic entrepreneur. "Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish" is an inspiring lecture delivered by Steve Jobs offers students insight into how to lead a successful life. His commencement address at Stanford University in 2005 is one of his most quoted speeches. It has been described as 'life-changing' and 'career transforming'.

The first one is about ‘Connecting the Dots.’ Steve Jobs believes that his decision to drop out from college and learn calligraphy is what makes the Apple Inc., an all and all different technology from other. Right after he dropped out from REEDS, he had no idea what he wanted to do. To just learn something fresh, he decided to learn calligraphy. He says that he never imagined at that point of time if this would help him so much. He believes that his calligraphy skills helped him design the world’s most beautiful computer Macintosh. The life lesson he gives is that you can never connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backward. Just believe that the dots will connect in the future. He believes that this trust, destiny, gut whatever you may call has never let him down and indeed made all the difference in his life.

The second lesson is on ‘Love and Loss.’ It is probably the best of the 3 life lessons. Steve Jobs says that he was lucky that he found his love at an early age of 20. He started Apple at 20 in a garage with Woz. Apple later turned into a 2 billion dollar company with over 4000 employees. But that’s not the end. At the age of 30 Steve Jobs was fired from his own company. The board of directors wanted him out of the company, but nothing cannot defeat the man who knows his passion. After getting fired, he launched a company named NEXT and PIXAR. Pixar created the world’s first computer animated film named Toy Story, and today it is the most successful animation studio in the world. Next was purchased by Apple and Steve Jobs got a call back to his own company. Next is the heart of Apple’s renaissance today. If he had not been fired from Apple, he would have never formed Next. Without Next Apple would not have reached the peak. He says that life will hit you in your head with a brick, but you must keep doing what you love because that will pave your path to a bright future. Since work will acquire a large part of our life, it’s very important to find out what we love.

The third one is on ‘Death’. Death is certain to all. He considers death is not an end of life on the earth but it is a symbol of new life. Steve Jobs was diagnosed with a tumor in his pancreas, which doctors believed that it was not curable at all. But later on when he got some other diagnosis, the doctors found out that it was a minor cancer which was completely curable with a surgery. The lesson he wants to depict here is that your time on this planet is limited, so stop wasting it living someone else’s life. Stop believing in other’s opinions because it destroys your mental confidence completely. The most important things in life is to follow your heart and intuition. Once you find it out, everything else in your life will become secondary.

Thus, Steve Jobs encourages the students of University to focus on small things that are interesting in one’s life and one day they will turn out to be an inexplicable joy givers.