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Happy New Year 2015

Dear Children,

It's new year. We have witnessed a lot these few days. A lot of things happening. Some of those were great, some bringing plain good feelings. And we also noticed there were some disappointments, some not so good feelings, some of them were confusing, sad, very sad and sorrowful.

dear children, life is like that.

Leo Tolstoy was a great personality. A truly great soul. A brilliant short story writer, a novelist, a poet, a philosopher and a thinker.

Tolstoy's writings and works are world famous. They are masterpieces of love, simple living, truthfulness and deep faith in God.

Tolstoy said, "the past is a memory, the future is only a dream. The only time we actually have with us is the PRESENT. It is the only time that is important. It is the most important time because it is the only time we have any power."

Focusing therefore on the PRESENT allows everything else to fade away, leaving only you and whatever you are doing, and whatever you are busy with RIGHT NOW.

It may be improving upon your discipline, your personal health and hygiene, and It may be improving upon your score in certain subjects or better your overall performance in all subjects.

It could also be learning a game or two and their different skills and making them your best loved sports. YES, but do them all with all your heart and soul, knowing for sure this is the RIGHT TIME to do them, and they will all lead you to success and happiness, NOW while doing them, and later in all the days of your life.

Together with your discipline, studies, games, cleanliness, personal health and hygiene remember to WELL TAKE CARE OF:

1. Obedience to your parents and loving them above everyone and above all things.
2. Never allowing a bad habit to get formed in your daily life. And not allowing bad thoughts enter your mind or stay on and thus take away your precious time, which you fully require for your studies, your games, and in building up your wonderful personality and to develop your God given beautiful talents.
3. Not to speak bad words or bad about friends or anyone else. Speak gentle, polite and good words. The better and refined your words are, the better and great a person that you are.

4. Do not fight with friends or anyone, or harm anyone in any manner. You know that you do not like to be harmed. You know that you love and take care of your body. Your parents give you good food and pray and take care of you. Similarly is the life of your friends, life of everyone. Therefore no fight, no harm to anyone and no hatredness towards anyone.
5. Keep very high regard for your teachers. Love them dearly. Because it is through them that the great God teaches you and gives you the understanding of almost everything in your life. Say a little prayer everyday for your beloved teachers and feel how wonderful it is!
6. Love your school, knowing well, it is the temple, the palace, the paradise nay the holy shrine within which the Loving God shall raise you to the heights of your glory and shall lead you to wisdom and nourish and strengthen you with hope and happiness; courage and confidence.
7. And NOW change a few things from your daily life if they are the causes of a little or sometimes more sadness in you. Change laziness into energetic action. Do not procrastinate (= thinking of doing something at sometime later). Study, discipline, obey, play, say good words, feel happy ...RIGHT NOW. **And say no to all bad thoughts, and bad habits RIGHT NOW and very firmly and bravely do so.**

... and NOW my dear children, remember well, that you are very beautiful, very strong, very talented and above all you are very very dear to God and He knows you personally by your name. Trust Him. He will take care of you; Love Him, that He is with you, even when you feel nobody loves you, nobody understands you, and nobody cares for you.

And NOW finally to keep us all active every day, let's cherish the wisdom in this great piece of thought.

"By crawling a child learns to stand". Yes, let's firmly believe and feel sure and assured that our struggles and hard work, all our sacrifices and patience shall lead us all to a lot of happiness and success.

Wishing you all

A very happy and successful new year

Affectionately,

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