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Wise sayings of Albert Einstein (愛因斯坦) on education and study

Good morning, teachers and students. Today, I'd like to share with you the wise sayings of Albert Einstein.

Albert Einstein was a German-born scientist. He developed the theory of relativity, which is one of the two pillars of modern physics. Albert Einstein's work has great influence on the philosophy of science. Yet, his wise sayings are not only concerned with science. He also has a lot of insights into different aspects such as education and study. Today, I'd like to share with you some of these wise sayings and they are really interesting.

In the field of **education**, Einstein says, **“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”** It means that what one has learned in school is not the most important. The most important thing in education is not knowledge building; it is the building up of a good character and a good attitude towards other people that matters most. Einstein also says, **“Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.”** Value is not based on how much money you have. Value is based on how you behave towards other people. People respect you not because you have a lot of money or knowledge, but because you are valuable to other people and you respect others.

Concerning **study**, Albert Einstein also has a lot of interesting wise sayings.

Firstly, Einstein encourages curiosity. Study starts with curiosity. If you are not curious enough, you will not be eager to learn. Einstein says, **“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.”** Einstein is really humble. He is absolutely a talent but he says that he is not. He just emphasizes that he is curious about everything so that he has strong motivation to learn.

Secondly, Einstein encourages questioning in study. Einstein says, **“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The**

important thing is not to stop questioning.” So as to learn, you have to ask questions about everything. You can ask questions as follows: “Who is he?” “What is it?” “Where is it?” “Why did it happen?” “How can we do it?” “So what can we do?” By asking high-order questions, you can learn more. In Chinese, the word “learning” is translated as “學問”. In other words, Chinese emphasizes the importance of questioning in learning.

Thirdly, Einstein emphasizes the importance of imagination in learning. Einstein says, **“The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination. Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”** So try to have more imagination and do not fix yourself in the comfort zone. Einstein also says, **“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.”** We have to try new methods. We have to try new alternatives. **“Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking.”** So try to imagine and try to think deeply. If you do not, you cannot learn effectively and efficiently.

Boys and girls, try to learn the study methods of Albert Einstein. Firstly, be curious. Secondly, try to question everything. Thirdly, try to imagine. If you can put this into practice, I am sure you can learn effectively and efficiently.