

Should We Follow the Examples Told by Older People



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A lot of older people are used to sharing their experiences with and teaching valuable lessons to teenagers, but most of the latter just ignore them because they think those examples are too traditional and obsolete. In this essay, I will explore both the advantages and disadvantages of following older people's examples and explain why I tend to follow what the older generation suggests.

First, the examples that older people share are about what they have experienced in their real lives. We are so young that we know too little about the world. On the contrary, the elderly have lived much longer and they know the world better than we. By listening to their advice, we can avoid making the same mistakes that they have made in the past. Furthermore, where academic pursuit is concerned, we can seek help from them to achieve better learning in a wide range of subjects.

On the other hand, we cannot neglect the fact that, although a lot of examples shared by older people can help us sur-

vive in this world, some of them are too traditional. These traditional and outdated examples cannot help us find solutions to all the problems and, if worst comes to worst, may even create problems for us since they are not applicable to the current situation. We should think twice before accepting their advice. For example, they may propose that we should not use the mobile phone for more than an hour a day as it may be harmful to our health. However, they do not understand that the long use of the electronic gadgets to enhance our learning is indispensable. If we follow their advice blindly, we may be hindered in our pursuit for academic improvement.

Having analyzed both viewpoints, I conclude that it is better to follow the examples of older people as the invention of most of the new devices was based on traditional knowledge or experience. Though some of these examples are too traditional, a lot of them are still useful now. Therefore, we should follow the examples of the older generation and respect their wise suggestions and advice.