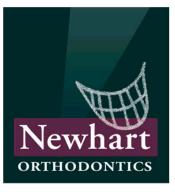
The Charles Schultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the e-mail straight through and you'll get the point.



"Changing the World, One Smile at a Time..."

- 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
- 4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
- 5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor or actress.
- 6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is that none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- 1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
- 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- 5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

And the neatest thing is that each of us gets to choose each day about how we care going to make a difference in the lives' of others. Each of us makes a difference. Each of us is powerful. You get to change the world, one smile.... one act of caring at a time. Bet you didn't know that!

And if you ever get down and things seem too much, "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."

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