

1. I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. – Age 9
2. I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. – Age 14
3. I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. – Age 15
4. I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. – Age 39
5. I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. – Age 42
6. I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little note. – Age 44
7. I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others. – Age 46
8. I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. – Age 48
9. I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. – Age 53
10. I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. – Age 58
11. I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. – Age 62
12. I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. – Age 66
13. I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. And to tell the truth, I've seen several. – Age 75
14. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. – Age 82
15. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch—holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. – Age 85
16. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. – Age 92

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## **The Top 10 Lessons I Learned From Charlie Brown, By Jim Allen**

### **1. It's okay to be afraid...just don't let your fears control you.**

Charlie Brown often sat in bed and spoke of his fears, but no matter how scared he was, he always did the things he wanted to do.

### **2. Persistence wins out.**

Charlie Brown often lost, failed at much, but he never gave up. Even though he knew Lucy was going to pull the football away before he could kick it...Even though he knew the tree was going to eat his kite...Even though he knew his team would lose the ballgame, he kept on trying.

### **3. It's what you think of yourself that matters most.**

Linus carried a security blanket for years and his friends laughed at him. They also laughed at him because he believed in the "Great Pumpkin." Pigpen was a walking cloud of dust and dirt and was often regarded unkindly. Both characters, however, were always proud of themselves and believed they were as good as anybody else—and they were right.

### **4. Sometimes you need to talk.**

One thing the "Peanuts" gang understood was the importance of talking things out. Whether leaning up against Schroeder's piano or atop the brick wall, they always had someplace to discuss what was of concern to them.

### **5. Sometimes you need to listen.**

Even crabby, self-indulged Lucy knew the importance of listening. She started the famous 'Psychiatry Booth' where any and all could come and be heard.

### **6. Do what you love to do.**

Through all their adventures, Schroeder remained constant in his appreciation of Beethoven and his love of playing the piano. He loved to play piano and that's what he did, regardless of the circumstances. Charlie Brown flew his kite, played baseball, and played football, not just to win (he knew he wouldn't), but because he loved to do those things.

### **7. It's important to have friends who care.**

The "Peanuts" gang was made up of individual characters, each with their own foibles and talents, but through it all they were always there for each other.

### **8. Big dreams lead to big things!**

Snoopy was the biggest dreamer of them all, but his wild imagination often led to even wilder, more fantastic adventures in real life. Snoopy knew that you must have a big dream if you are going to lead a big life.

### **9. Action creates reality.**

As Charlie Brown was reminded time and again after prodding from Linus: It takes action to bring about change. Though he often failed, Charlie took action quite regularly...and every now and again things would go his way.

### **10. Laugh every day!**

While the kids themselves may not have seen the humor in the things they did, Schulz made sure that \*we\* did. Life is only as serious or as humorous as YOU make it...Lighten up. Go play softball. Fly a kite. Dance with your dog. Smile...It makes people wonder what you're up to.