

**How to Instill True Greatness in Your Students:
Teaching Life Skills Through Music Studies
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I. Introduction:

A. http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=9xwCG0Ey2Mg

B. Opening remarks

II. Life Skills

A. How to Have Confidence/Poise

1. Poise

a. Energy Level

b. Posture

c. Eye Contact

d. Bow

2. Confidence

a. Mental preparation

b. Performing and Public Speaking

c. Adapt to your Environment

B. How to Problem-Solve

1. Isolate the problem and determine the cause.

2. Small details create a big picture.

3. Compare opposing critiques of a musical composition.

4. Emphasize the importance of personal feeling and the impact of creative choices.

5. Ultimate goal is that they become independent of us.

C. How to Persevere / How to Teach our Students to Persevere

1. Maintain high standards of musicianship.

2. Set long-term goals for students.

3. Directly address a student's temptation to give up.

4. Model and teach how to overcome obstacles.

5. Celebrate perseverance.

D. How To Be Responsible/How to Teach our Students to be Responsible

1. Require students to be responsible.

2. Allow the results/consequences when students are not responsible.

3. Highlight the role of responsibility in students' successes.

E. How to Respond to Setbacks/Success

1. Setbacks

a. "A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him."

b. Never accept the word "can't".

c. An honest critique vs. a damaging critique

d. Deal with it in an appropriate place.

e. "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved." Helen Keller

2. Success

a. Be gracious –

b. Smile and say thank you. Don't state things you did wrong.

III. Conclusion

A. Questions/Comments from Audience ([Shepherding a Child's Heart](#) by Tripp)

B. Concluding remarks