

William Glasser

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What happened in the past that was painful has a great deal to do with what we are today, but revisiting this painful past can contribute little or nothing to what we need to do now.

~William Glasser

We are driven by five genetic needs: survival, love and belonging, power, freedom, and fun.

~William Glasser

The ultimate use of power is to empower others.

~William Glasser

Education is the process in which we discover that learning adds quality to our lives. Learning must be experienced.

~William Glasser

Don't marry someone you would not be friends with if there was no sex between you.

~William Glasser

It is almost impossible for anyone, even the most ineffective among us, to continue to choose misery after becoming aware that it is a choice.

~William Glasser

This is at the heart of all good education, where the teacher asks students to think and engages them in encouraging dialogues, constantly checking for understanding and growth.

~William Glasser

Good or bad, everything we do is our best choice at that moment.

~William Glasser

Too many of us fail to fulfill our needs because we say no rather than yes, yes when we should say no.

~William Glasser

We almost always have choices, and the better the choice, the more we will be in control of our lives.

~William Glasser

When you study great teachers... you will learn much more from their caring and hard work than from their style.

~William Glasser

If everyone could learn that what is right for me does not make it right for anyone else, the world would be a much happier place.

~William Glasser

What we get, and all we ever get, from the outside is information; how we choose to act on this information is up to us.

~William Glasser

The day we stop playing will be the day we stop learning.

~William Glasser

We can teach a lot of things, but if the teacher can't relate by talking to a group of friendly students, he'll never be a competent teacher.

~William Glasser

Effective teaching may be the hardest job there is.

~William Glasser

What students lack in school is an intellectual relationship or conversation with the teacher.

~William Glasser

The more a person perceives that he/she is loved, the less they will interfere with the lives of others.

~William Glasser

We may be up against a stone wall, but we don't have to bloody our heads against it unless we choose to.

~William Glasser

No human being will work hard at anything unless they believe that they are working for competence.

~William Glasser

When we label anyone 'bad', we will have more trouble dealing with him than if we could have settled for a lesser label.

~William Glasser

When we depress, we believe we are the victims of a feeling over which we have no control.

~William Glasser

Caring for but never trying to own may be a further way to define friendship.

~William Glasser

Without pay, no human being will work up to their ability if he or she is not cared for and respected.

~William Glasser

Since there will be no one left to talk peace after the next war, it makes good sense to break with tradition and hold the peace conference first.

~William Glasser

To counter the avoidance of intellectual challenge and responsibility, we must reduce the domination of certainty in education.

~William Glasser

Everybody needs one essential friend.

~William Glasser

Sex is on the minds of most people, especially those who shouldn't be having it.

~William Glasser

There are only two places in the world where time takes precedence over the job to be done. School and prison.

~William Glasser

The faster you go, the more students you leave behind. It doesn't matter how much or how fast you teach. The true measure is how much students have learned.

~William Glasser

We don't focus as much in schools on educational knowledge which requires thinking and application, as we do on acquiring facts.

~William Glasser

To be depressed or neurotic is passive. It happened to us; we are its victim, and we have no control over it.

~William Glasser

I think education is both using and improving knowledge and that changes the whole picture.

~William Glasser

They have this big book called the 'DSM-IV,' you know, that is supposedly written about crazy people, but I think it is a book that is written by crazy people!

~William Glasser

The answer lies in preventing these failures, not in looking for better

ways to fix the people who are failing.

~William Glasser

If you improve education by teaching for competence, eliminating schooling, and connecting with students, the test scores will improve.

~William Glasser

If we had in this room a hundred teachers, good teachers from good schools, and asked them to define the word education, there would be very little general agreement.

~William Glasser

You can acquire a lot of knowledge without ever going to school.

~William Glasser

Running a school where the students all succeed, even if some students have to help others to make the grade, is good preparation for democracy.

~William Glasser

There is plenty of competition in a Glasser Quality School in that there is winning but no losing.

~William Glasser

There is no real reason to fail a child," "Once children start failing, they begin to believe that they can't do anything. They give up.

~William Glasser

I think it is totally wrong and terribly harmful if education is defined as acquiring knowledge.

~William Glasser

The Compassionate Classroom is a fabulous book! If teachers will read it, they can transform their classrooms.

~William Glasser

A friend of mine, a dedicated golfer, shot a hole in one playing by himself. Disaster.

~William Glasser

As long as acquiring knowledge is the educational goal of schools, educational opportunities will be limited, as they are now, to affluent families.

~William Glasser

We can pay teachers a hundred thousand dollars a year, and we'll do nothing to improve our schools as long as we keep the A, B, C, D, F grading system.

~William Glasser

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