

## **HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh delivers the graduation speech at LAU**

I Had A Written Statement Which I Want to Deliver, and I Looked for It and I Couldn't Find It So I Was Hopeful That It Was Lost, So I Can Ignore It and Talk to You Out of My Heart.

Fifty-Eight Years Ago, Students I Sat on The Seats You on Today as A Graduate In 1960, Fifty-Eight Years Ago and I Don't Remember A Single Word That Was Said at The Commencement. So Am Not Very Hopeful That You Will Remember Many of The Things I Will Say but If You Remember One Of The Ten Prescription for Success Which I Want to Read to You . If You Remember One of Them and If You Believe in One of Them . I Would Be Very Pleased That I Have Done My Duty Today . L.U President Dr Joseph Jabra Thank You for Inviting Me and Giving Me This Honor and For This Most Honorable Degree.

Excellences Representing the Leadership of This Country I'm Really Humbled In front Of You and I Thank You for the Honor of Being with Me in This Occasion. Distinguish Excellences, Friends, Families and Most Importantly Students.

I'm a student, if you ask me what you do? I'm a knowledge worker, I'm a student working in knowledge, I'm studying just exactly as you study with a different approach. in school you study and set for exams , in life you will be setting for exams and learning lessons from the experiences you will have. so, you're learning process will never stop and should never stop. you should always think of yourself as learners but now you don't learn in class and set for exams you learn by meeting challenges , facing problems and have lessons from the problems you have. let me very briefly because i was ordered and instructed and i'm a law-abiding citizen .i was ordered to be very brief in my statement . i'm usually much more have attendance to talk as much as i can , but today i will be very briefly as instructed. so i will go straight to the ten prescription for success, please listen to me students please. once believe as a great leader set, the greatest lesson in life is to believe that idiots are sometimes right, so take me for an idiot but i may be right. i want to give you ten prescription which help me make my what they call success i don't call it yet but let me start

number one : love your adverse, your enemies the people who hate you as much as you love the people who love you. those who love you, love you because they love you, those who hate you help you because they hate you. they are for free tell you

I'm there watching you don't make mistakes. So they are doing me a service for free. so i thank them for that. don't hate anybody and i met a friend once , i call him a friend and i said ohh i love you, you are a great man, but he said i don't love you i hate you. i said thank you , he said what you mean, i said thank you for hating me , you are doing a great service, you are a free watch watching me from making mistakes so please keep hating me , thank you very much.

number two : happiness is an enabler , you cannot succeed if you are unhappy. you cannot make anything useful or productive if you are unhappy and happiness is a decision. don't say i was born unhappy, no. you make yourself happy or unhappy . so be happy, happiness is a decision , make the decision to be happy.

number three : hope, never give up hope. if you read my life story and you see the 100,000 obstacles i met which made me more hopeful. hope is a great weapon for success. be hopeful no matter what no matter how dark things look around you be hopeful. look for the first mover advantage, don't copy , don't imitate try to be better than what you think is good. if you see a success story don't imitate it , try to innovate and be a better person who innovate. resist the heard instinct , don't follow the heard , don't go with the heard, go where you should go. problems and failures are a blessing. if you have a problem turn it to a blessing by realizing that it is your own mistake, don't blame it on anybody and you are going to learn from this mistake to be a better person and to do better next time so. learn from mistakes and from problems and enjoy them. turn problems into success.

**Be a natural student** , I have never stopped studying since 80 years and I am 80 years now ,I am still a student , I am studying today as you study every day , I do not mean real work , I mean study , that's why I need to call myself a knowledge worker , I mean in the knowledge the information technology and communication ,work and work and work , do not listen to anybody tells you have rest , rest is bad for your health , work is the best medicine for your life ,if people tells you have a rest tell them you do not love then! Look to your body , the part that works 24/7 with no stop is your heart , if it rests you're gone ,this mistake of believing that body and mind needs rest is a great mistake ,it is a big false statement ! do not rest . Work work work! Today in my 80's I work 16-18 hours a day!

Do not think of retirement, I know you are a graduate and at the beginning of your life, now but do not think ever in it, in Arabic it is متقاعد, I am not inventing it! Die while you are seated! Die while you are working, as you are working you overcome death! Work is the weapon against death. Work! Do not think in retirement, as it is the greatest crime against humanity! As everybody can work and contribute till the last moment of his life!

## **Invent**

This word does not need educated people !it is a great opportunity to be graduated from such leading and distinguished university ,but the world does not you because you are educated , the world needs you for your innovation ! for what you can invent , for what you can innovate because the world is changing now into the knowledge era , where wealth is only created via knowledge creation .and I do not need to explain it , the largest company in the world today is not an oil company , is not a real state or a bank either! It is accompany called google! What is google? google is a computer program nothing more nothing less and to invent google as a computer program and so is Facebook, google today is 850 billion dollars' worth, how many countries in the world GDP if you added up makes that! That is where you should go, how to invent, that's the road to success and the road to help your country, nation and everybody in the world.

Success is easy , follow these ten prescription which I hope Mr Excellency and Mr President to circulate them in writing because maybe you can use them away from shredding machine or in the waste basket where you can read them from every now and then and remember that one day these were the secrets for success , I hope to have them circulated to all graduates in writing .

President joseph Jabra,

Under the honorary chairmanship of the secretary general of the arab league of nation , I am honored to serve a chair of the board and the president of the arab organization for quality assurance for education and similarly for the arab state research and research network , these two organizations are in the back bone of the future of education to have quality education as you have in this great university and institution of learning but then Research, the great thing about internet and intellectual property system and I can talk from a point of knowledge as we are the greatest organization in intellectual property in the globe worldwide through inventions which come via reassert as to invent you need to research , every invention in the world is available for you to access look into this research and

innovate over it that is what we want to do , and my job as president of these two Arab initiatives is to provide assistance and consulting on education quality and also to provide a dedicated internet line for research which links this university and all Arab universities to the research institute all over the world , so you can go into any research and any invention and try to prove over it , in that capacity I offered to LAU as a priority in Astern point in presence of London , we already established a dedicated internet line that we bought with support of European Union with partnership of my organization to make it available for all research institution all over the world and this dedicated internet line will also be activated for roaming services and many other research needed facilities . accordingly I invite LAU computer engineers to astern workshop which is in process for how to implement this internet connectivity for research and how to use them and I welcome hosting LAU and your representatives to our annual meeting, I take this opportunity to upload Mr. president for your leadership for LAU and congratulate you on your success in making it a leading institution in educational excellence. Mabrook my grandchildren. I am honored to be your speaker today, I am honored to be presence here today.