

Randy Pausch

This week's Power of One highlight a man who used his personal misfortune to inspire and bring joy to the world. In the fall of 2006, computer science professor Randy Pausch was told by his doctor that he had incurable pancreatic cancer and only had months to live. For Pausch, this sentence was not a cause for depression, but rather a call to action.

That September, Randy gave his "last lecture" titled "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." In his speech Randy highlighted some key points:



- 1) **When life gets tough, don't give in!** "The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out; the brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something."
- 2) **Be Trustworthy.** "You get people to help you by telling the truth; by being earnest. I'll take an earnest person over a hip person every day, because hip is short-term, earnest is long term."
- 3) **Enjoy Life!** "I'm having fun. And I'm going to keep having fun every day I have left. Because there's no other way to play it... You just have to decide if you're a Tigger or an Eeyore. Never lose the childlike wonder. It's just too important. It's what drives us."

Randy Pausch made a difference by inspiring others to achieve their childhood dreams. His last lecture has been viewed over 11 million times on Youtube.

Randy Pausch demonstrated the Power of One! What are you doing to make a difference?



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