



Shirley's Words 2011

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“Grassroots nonprofit organizations cannot survive without a gut-wrenching passion to serve those who have no voice. With passion, great changes become a reality.” Shirley M. Berens (2011)

"For me, seeking the higher education level is personal, not to achieve a better job, or title in life. But, to convince myself, I can do it, and to grow with the added knowledge attending scholarly academic institutions can offer me. Who knows, I might be able to change a few minds along the way, even at the top of the academic world where research is definitely honored at its highest level". Shirley M. Berens, (2011)

"It was because my father believed in me, that I press forward to achieve the doctorate level of education. I can only hope to honor his memory by achieving something creditable, by becoming something of value. I do not know where my life will end up, no one does, of course. I only hope, I leave behind actions and words that can change lives, bringing meaning to something, I personally believe in". Shirley M. Berens, (2011)

"Hopefully, I can pave the way for young and old scholars that will follow me, showing them how to think outside the box, to be fearless in their convictions to bring clarity to a meaningful doctrine. But, I humbly leave a legacy to my family, a path, if they chose, they can follow". Shirley M. Berens, (2011)

"I found that in order to change the world, you sometimes need an education just to prove to others you can do it". Shirley M. Berens, (2011)

"Parenting your grandchild will never be easy, especially a hurt abandoned grandchild. But, the rewards will be great if done with honesty, integrity and love. Many generations following will benefit by all your efforts. It only takes one person in a child's life, whether a grandparent, family friend or teacher to make a huge difference. Let that person be you." (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"In general, my heart is in my work, my soul is passionate about my mission on earth. My spelling may not be sometimes correct, or my citations always listed, but was anyone who chose to do something they entirely believed in? Is it the correct table of contents, or the contents of someone's life that matters?" (Shirley M. Berens - 2011)

"When I started my journey it was not clear to me as to where the end was, but I just realized there was no end, because my thesis is my life.....my work is imprinted on my heart and on the hearts of those children I have served....I feel humbled by it all".

(Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"One has to examine his own conscience to understand his actions". (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"Build a fire so strong, so wild, so big that the system can't put it out". (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"There is no glory in being a hero, only glory in knowing you have done the right thing". (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"We tell ourselves, "We did it, we own it, so why not claim it, the good and the bad. It is not where we were born, but where you are now that counts and what you did with your life". (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"Faith is an incredible healer and motivation....for those seeking the way". (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"Dream Big, so when you're old you will have grand stories to tell". (Jeremy) (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"The hand that rocks the cradle deserves the love". (Shirley M. Berens 2011)

"If you don't listen to your heart, then you will be missing the greatest experience you will ever have in this lifetime..." (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"When being a humble servant to the Lord, eternity opens before you with spiritual riches". (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)

"It is not the act of seeking higher education that gives us knowledge, but the act of working through our problems in our lifetime that gives us knowledge and wisdom". (Shirley M. Berens, 2011)