

# Promises to Count On

Experience life to the fullest with whatever path you choose - try new things, new experiences to bring richness to your life. Keep God and church in your life even when it seems hard to do.

--Laurie Schulte

The graduates can count on death and taxes.

--Bert Fuller

One thing you can count on: our class motto was "The sands of time grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine." You can count on God's justice, but you may have to wait a long time.

--Jon and Linda Warren

The promise of God's love and guidance, if you but just "look for them". The promise that prayers will sustain you through all circumstances and situations.

--Jeannine Crotty

The time spent developing and staying in relationship with God will help you deal with life. Life will not be easy, but with God it will be possible ... God will enable you to do the impossible!

--Susan Kruse

- 1) Your family will always love and support you
  2. You are responsible for what you make of your future.
- Your future is guided by your attitude, your education (academic and life lessons), your beliefs, and your actions.

--Tammy Chase

#1 If you talk to God on a daily basis through prayer or just plain conversation He will always be there. He may not answer your questions the way that you want but He will answer them. I have built my faith on this and it has lasted me through my trials & tribulations. #2 If you offer just a little bit of your time to someone in need or someone that you just meet and you do or offer them something that helps them out God will reward you with more blessings than you will ever know. You can build relationships that you never had before that last. People are precious enjoy them while you have them! They are gifts from God!! Always count your blessings!

--Mary Comstock

I would like to tell the graduates that a relationship with God is something they can always count on. I know it will be difficult at times to "stand up" for that faith, and that it may not always seem cool. I would tell the graduates to always have a dialogue with God, no matter what. I would also tell them that God does answer prayers--He may not give the answer expected, but prayers are answered. Some people recommend reading Dr. Seuss's "Oh The Places You'll GO". I would recommend reading "The Shack" also. And finally, I would tell them to remain true to themselves.

--Becky Lynch

The graduates nowadays have a lot to look forward to. There are so many more things for them to become interested in. There are new horizons for them to reach and work for if they want to achieve.

--anonymous

- 1) One thing you can count on concerning life--life will not be the way you think it will or should be.
- 2 ) Some choices you may make now can affect the rest of your life--they can be good or bad choices, but yours, nonetheless. Think through your choices!
- 3) Be kind to others, it does payoff in the "game of life"!

--Sally Smith

*'I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow...!'*

*'I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as 'making a life.'*

*'I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.'*

*'I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back..''*

*'I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision..'*

*'I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.'*

*'I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.'*

*'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'*

*'I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.'*

--Dennis Brady

The promises I'd make to our graduates would be to expect times of frustration, fear, loneliness as they leave their home and start to college. But to never forget that there are many people here at home who care and will be praying for them even when they are gone from here. There will be so many wonderful, happy and fulfilling times that the negatives will be overshadowed with joy! Keep the faith that you have been taught.

--anonymous

One thing they can count on;  
Things aren't always as "good" or as "bad" as they appear,  
when some doors close others will open,  
and some open doors lead to pits.

--Carter Stults

The pat answer is death and taxes but there is more to life than that. The graduate can be sure he or she will encounter things they had never dreamed of....not necessarily in technology. They will find society changing. Beliefs they had (abortion, gay rights, racial issues, etc.) will change gradually. Even the religious tenets they may have been steeped in could have a different perspective. What those changes might be, I can't speculate but I am sure they will come.

--Ken McCormick

Two things that are important to always remember are: 1) Life is not fair, and 2) Be kind to yourself--you can be your best friend or your worst enemy.

--Gary Ensz

God is always with you. He will never abandon you. He will be there when you are ready to accept him. He will also forgive you for the poor choices that you make. You may not always understand the paths that you are led down, but just trust in Him.

--Kim Beger

One thing I can promise them is that life will have its up's and down's. Learn from the down's and know that it will get better. Trust in yourself and in God. It may look greener on the other side of the fence, but eventually that grass will need mowed too. Don't criticize other people, there is usually always more to the story that you don't know about.

--anonymous

You can count on life being full of mountains and valleys ... enjoy and celebrate your emotional 'highs' and learn from and lean on others during the 'low' times. And invite God into both aspects.

--Tom Black

You "will" make mistakes, and people will fail you, but God never will. It's ok to fail, just learn from the failures and you will grow by leaps and bounds. When I look back, I realize my biggest spiritual growth took place during my failures in life. I promise with an attitude of gratitude life will be more pleasurable. Practice kindness and love of others.

--anonymous

Life is full of ups and downs, highs and lows, but with Faith in God and a positive attitude you will not only get through it but find an inner peace and contentment.

--Sherry Black

I can promise them that they will have a great experience at college and that they should look forward to that and give it all they have. I can also promise them that they will look forward to coming home now and then and appreciating their family. Roots and wings ... very true when you go to college. Should be remembered!

--Michelle Custer

I believe the two things that the graduates can count on is their Church family and their own family, everything else will come and go, friends, jobs, even spouses and significant others, but their families will always be there to count on for support.

--Sheila Mayfield

One thing they can count on is family support, also sometime they will probably get their hearts broken by someone close to them.

--Jerry Chubick

1. Your world will always be changing. Even when you think you have things just the way you want them, sometimes a little something changes. It is a good thing though, even if it doesn't seem like it at the time. God can and does use all things that happen for our benefit somehow.
2. Believe in miracles. They happen every day. Maybe not with a big fanfare, but even little things or a cascade of things together can produce just the right result.
3. Know that your family loves you. Whether it is your biological, your church or your family of choice/your friends, you are loved and appreciated for who you are. You are unique and that was on purpose. No one else has your set of qualities, and therefore there is a distinct purpose for you in this world. Find it. Find your passion and put all you have into it.
4. And always make sure you love those around you. Including and especially yourself.

Susan Stough