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Hindsight Is 20/20

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“If I knew then, what I know now...”

Do you ever wonder what your life today might have been if you had made one or two different decisions during your young adult life? Maybe you’ve considered what might have happened if you had gone away to college. What could have happened for you if you pursued that job opportunity that everyone convinced you that you weren’t qualified for? Or what about that really nice girl that you liked but your friends told you that she was “too plain” for you? So you dated and married the popular girl in school, even though you knew that although she was pretty, she was also very selfish and kind of mean.

There comes a point in everyone’s life where you think back on your younger self and mull over what you could or should have done differently. Oftentimes, we wish we could go back and do it all over again, believing that if there were such a thing, we would not make so many of life’s mistakes. While hindsight affords one the ability to see things, it’s a vision that occurs AFTER something has already happened. Although 20/20 vision is considered the best eyesight possible — perfect vision — it doesn’t help you “see” how your past decisions can impact your future life. Living through the experience, good or bad, makes you the person that you are.

While criticism surrounding your past decisions can be made, if the information you know NOW was not available then, you can’t be faulted for a decision made without that information or knowledge. However, as you grow and mature, you make better decisions because you know more and you know better. Don’t beat yourself up because of your past. Change is still possible and it begins with you today!