

Hello,

My name is David Orlov; I live in Brooklyn, NY. I just watched a great movie on TBS called, The Ron Clark Story, I had never heard of him or this story. After the movie was over I then went to the Internet to learn more about him and the Essential 55. All I can tell you is that it moved me in a way that I just love. The human spirit at its best and all that goes with this.

Caring about people is more than many understand. I saw this to be genuine in this movie and some of the web sites I had visited, one of these which I saw was yours. I truly enjoyed how you spelled out the Essential 55. (color, graphics and content)

I am not new to helping people or teaching them these very basic principles about learning. I just wanted to write to you and tell you how much I enjoyed your site and how you applied this philosophy to your work. I enjoyed your site regarding yourself (personal page) and I am sure this pays off big dividends with your students.

Many people in life are great at pointing out the wrongs in life, I always enjoy finding solutions. I was moved by this subject to the point that I needed to write this and say God Bless You and Ron Clark and anyone who can apply these principles to daily living. For this is what it really is all about.

By the way, I have lived in Brooklyn, actually Coney Island for one year now. Before this I had lived in Las Vegas, NV for 34 years and I will be 50 years old (young) on your birthday as well, October 2. This was probably another reason that when I was reading your site it caught my attention. Of course the real reason is that I enjoy human beings being human. I will be doing more research regarding Ron Clark and stories like yours to bless myself and others. I am not in the school system or a teacher, but as we all know "We Are All Teachers And We Are All Students".

I find subjects like this can put smiles on people's faces like nothing else can. What does it really take to put a smile on someone? Saying hi in an elevator, giving a hand when no one expects it. It only takes a second, imagine if more did it. Imagine if they did it to the level such as you and Ron Clark do it, where the rubber meets the road, in our classrooms. One other movie made me feel this way, "Pay It Forward", of course a more tragic ending, but the idea of being there for another. Sounds sort of biblical doesn't it, maybe that is what God really wanted from all of us, just to get along and "maybe" be nice to one another. Couldn't hurt.

I wish you great success in the future and keep up the good work.

Thank you for reading my letter,

David Orlov