

People Learn What They Live

If a person lives with fear
he learns to avoid risk taking

If a person lives with deceit
she learns to stretch the truth

If a person lives with small expectations
he learns to have a limited scope

If a person lives with a heavy hand
she learns to beat the system

If a person lives with formality
she learns to be a bureaucrat

If a person lives with mistrust
he learns to be suspicious

If a person lives with hostility
she learns how to fight

If a person lives with indifference
he learns not to care

If a person lives with appreciation
she learns to make an extra effort

If a person lives with leadership
she learns to take initiative

If a person lives with openness
he learns how to be honest

If a person lives with experimentation
he learns to be innovative

If a person lives with clear values
she learns how to set priorities

If a person lives with encouragement
she learns to be confident

If a person lives with positive visions
he learns how to perform miracles

If a person lives with challenge
she learns how to master change

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