

## LIFE LESSONS FOR BROOKLYNN MARY STOLZ

*Being strong means using your strengths to overcome your weaknesses  
Remembering the past will prepare you for what may come in the future  
Open your heart to people needing a friend and you'll always be loved  
Open minds give unlimited opportunities, closed minds take opportunities away  
Kind words are fine however kinder actions are even better  
Little troubles that make you sad should be replaced with big joys that make you happy  
You must always remember mom knows best, even though you may not agree with her  
Never accept anything but the best from yourself and you'll never be disappointed  
Never let very small obstacles get in the way of very big dreams*

*Mending fences is always better than burning bridges  
An important step to achieving success is learning from your failures  
Racing to the finish is never as important as finishing the race  
Yes is always the right answer to give when someone asks for your help*

*Starting everyday positive will help stop negative events from occurring  
Talking to people sometimes isn't as important as listening to them  
Ordinary people sometimes get remembered extraordinary people never get forgotten  
Loving someone and losing them is better than not loving them at all  
Zero in on every lesson life has to teach and you will always learn something*

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