

Morrie Side

Morrie: Ach! I teach young people, I know how miserable they are! Their grades, their parents, their love affairs. They see every setback as the end of the world. All this emphasis on youth! Don't buy it.

Aging is not just decay, you know. As you age, you grow. As you grow, you learn. A tree's leaves are most colorful just before they die. If you're always battling against getting old, you're always gonna be unhappy because you're gonna get old anyway.

Mitch, age is not a competition. Inside me I'm every age I've ever been. I can be a child when it's appropriate to be a child. And I can be a wise old man when it's appropriate to be a wise old man. Why should I envy where you are? I've already been where you are.. You should envy me! I got forty years on you!...(Reflective) You know, at my seventieth birthday party, my friends said, "Morrie you're getting old"... (Smiles.) I took it as a compliment.