

## A Visit to the Old School

After physicist Richard Feynman won a Nobel Prize for his work, he visited his old high school. While there, he decided to look up his records.

He was surprised to find that his grades were not as good as he had remembered them. And he got a kick out of the fact that his IQ was 124, not much above average.

Dr. Feynman said that winning the Nobel Prize was one thing, but to win it with an IQ of only 124 was really something. Most of us would agree, because we all assume that the winners of Nobel prizes must have exceptionally high IQs.

If Dr. Feynman had known he was really just a bit above average in the IQ department, would he have had the audacity to launch the unique and creative research experiments that would eventually win him the greatest recognition the scientific community can give?

Perhaps not. Maybe the knowledge that he was a cut above average, but not in the genius category, would have influenced what he tried to achieve. After all, from childhood most of us have been led to believe that ordinary people don't accomplish extraordinary feats.

Most of us fall short of our potential because of little things we know or assume about ourselves. And the most self-defeating assumption of all is that we are just like everyone else.



The truth is that we are unique; there is no other person on earth like us. God gave each one of us unique gifts because He had a plan for our lives. Discovering those talents – and applying them according to His purposes – will bring fulfillment and true reward in the eyes of our Maker.

And that is the greatest achievement of all.

– Beecher Hunter