

# Tom Showed Them

A partially deaf boy trudged into his home one day after school. In his hand, he carried a note. It was a note from school officials, suggesting that his parents remove him from school. According to those wise educators, this boy was “too stupid to learn.”

Upon reading the note, the boy’s mother vowed, “My son, Tom, isn’t too stupid to learn. I’ll teach him myself.” And that is exactly what she did.

Years later, when Tom died, many Americans paid tribute to him by turning off their lights for one full minute. That was a fitting tribute, for Thomas Edison invented the light bulb – along with motion pictures and the phonograph. In all, he was credited with more than 1,000 patents. He also had a gift for powerful, motivating words.

Neither you nor anyone with whom you work is beyond learning. No one is incapable of discovering new ways to express talent, enthusiasm, creativity and love. No one should be left without receiving affection and encouragement.

Never give up on yourself, no matter what anyone else may say. Stand up for others, and encourage them to stay the course, to follow their dreams, as well.

Our heavenly Father hasn’t given up on any of us. And He never will.

*For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).*

--Beecher Hunter