

1 Yesterday's date, 12th July, was the date on a school report of Winston Churchill, who later became Britain's leader during the Second World War. Churchill was bottom of the class, and a Mr Davidson, his housemaster at Harrow School, wrote on his report:

*"If you judge people,
you have no time to love them."*

- 2 *"He is forgetful, careless, unpunctual, irregular in every way...
If he is unable to conquer this slovenliness he will never make a success..."*
- 3 Some people tend only to judge others and criticise them, never seeing anything positive in them. Mother Teresa said:
*"If you judge people,
you have no time to love them."*
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, I ask that you inspire me
always to do my best
- not comparing myself with others,
but only with myself.**

**Lead me, Lord,
to discover and use
my own talents to the full.**

**May I live in such a way
that I help others
to experience success,
as well as praising them
for the good use of their abilities
- looking not so much
at the degree of achievement
but at the effort put in.**

**Stop me from judging people
or jumping to conclusions
about them,
but lead me
to respect and accept others
for who they are,
focussing on the positive
rather than the negative.**

Amen.

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to research this topic further.

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