

Life Lessons From 'I Love Lucy'

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"I Love Lucy," the iconic show about a screwball redhead (or, at least, that's what we're told, since the whole thing is in black and white) and her Cuban husband with the quick temper, has more to offer than timeless comedy. Paying attention to this immortal sitcom, you'll pick up a few things about life in general.

If it's worth having, keep at it.

Oh, Lucy and her desire to be in the show. Which show? Any show. You name it, she wanted to wheedle her way into it. Ricky's regular gig at the Tropicana? Just get her a large fan. Ricky's national television show? Absolutely, she snags a spot on the stage. [A nightclub act](#) with superstar of the '50s, Van Johnson? No problem. Sometimes Lucy gets in, though not, necessarily to her benefit. Much of the time she doesn't. But still she goes for it, over and over again.

Try new things.

She stomped grapes in Italy. She sold [Vitameatavegamin](#) on air, with classically hilarious results. Whether it's scaling the wall of a movie star's home to get a grapefruit or climbing a mountain in Switzerland, Lucy Ricardo has no fear. Whatever it is, she plunges onward, head first. Maybe in life we need a little more thought before we act, but there's something to be gained by being a little fearless.

When things go wrong, laugh.

OK, so this one's a little more on the meta side, though Lucy is known to laugh at herself. Still, we, as the audience, tend to find her endless disasters far more amusing than she does, and that's where this lesson lies. Sometimes, if you take a step back, or several steps back, or try to look at yourself through the glass of a TV screen, you see that your crisis can be a little...funny. Obviously, that's not true of every problem, but if Lucy's longevity is any indication, sometimes you just have to laugh.

You need a partner in crime.

Through every scheme and every plan, Ethel Mertz is right there, in it, with Lucy. Granted, she's not necessarily eager to go along with her borderline-insane buddy, but she does, and [their friendship](#) is one for the ages. They aren't always happy with one another; sometimes they're not speaking, but when you find a friend that will help you carry a hundred-pound fish, you've found a friend for life.