

Is for Talents/time: Recognize them as gifts

Hope for good things and be honest

Insight from people and good books

Be nice to all people

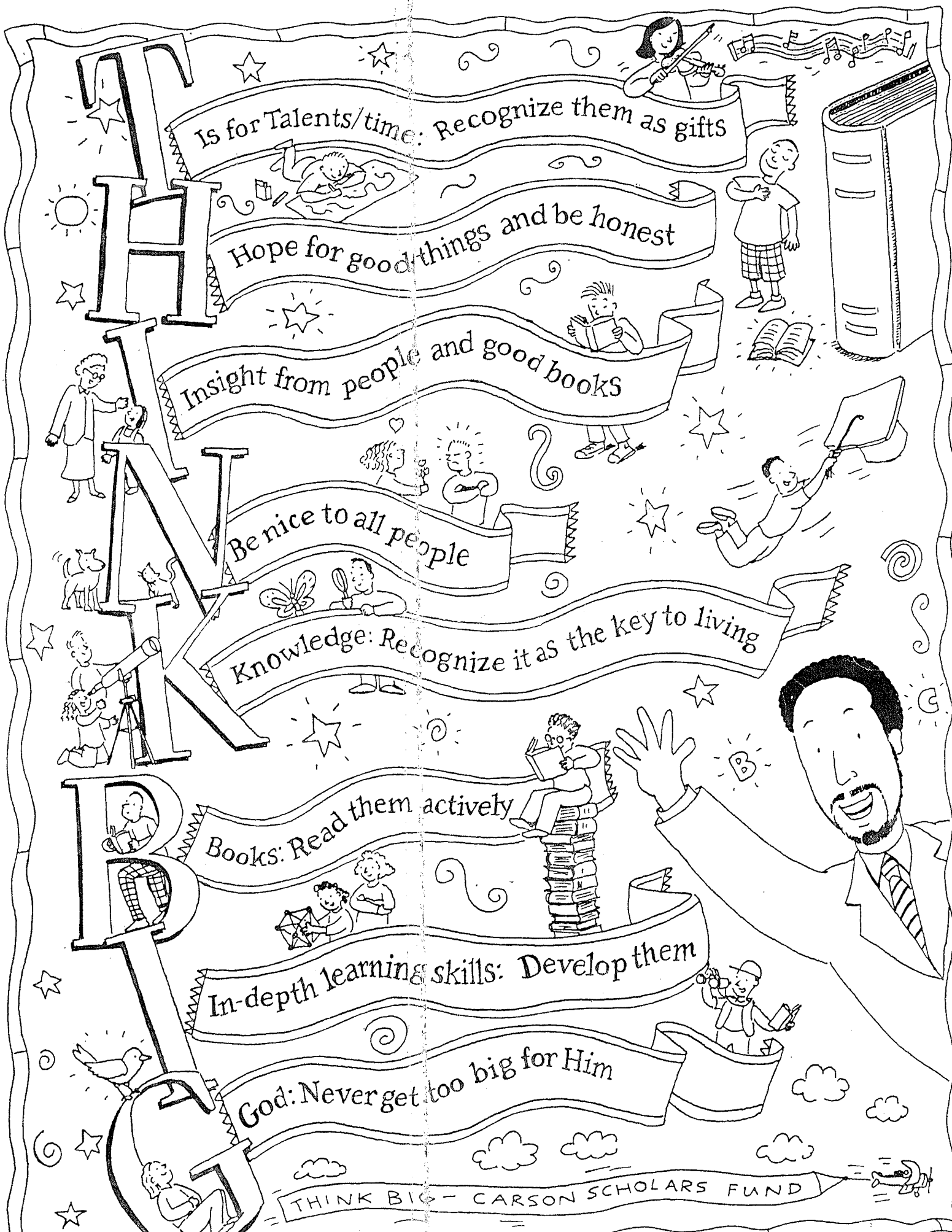
Knowledge: Recognize it as the key to living

Books: Read them actively

In-depth learning skills: Develop them

God: Never get too big for Him

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What Is THINK BIG All About?

"I dare say that any young person who decides to THINK BIG will be successful in any endeavor."

-- Dr. Ben Carson

T is for **Talent**. Each of us has certain specific talents and we should strive to recognize and develop them. Once these talents are highly developed, they can be used in your career choice. Obviously, if you choose a career in which you have significant talent, you will already have a head start on others choosing that career.

H is for **Honesty**. If you are honest in all your words and deeds, you do not need to concern yourself about what was said or done in the past. This will unclutter your life significantly and allow you to focus on what is ahead.

I is for **Insight**. Insight is gained by listening to people who have already gone down the path that you are seeking to travel. There is absolutely no reason that you should repeat the same mistake that others made and there is every reason to gain from their errors. Insight is also gained by reading uplifting materials with broad perspectives on world and historical events.

N is for **Nice**. It is much easier to be nice to people than to hold grudges and be unkind. If you are nice to people – generally speaking – they will be nice to you in the long run. Remember, the people you meet on the way up are the same ones you will meet on the way down.

K is for **Knowledge**. Knowledge unlocks all the doors of opportunity. Once you have obtained knowledge it is difficult for anyone to deprive you of it.

B is for **Books**. The learning that you can receive from books is generally much more substantial than that received from television. Book learning requires you to use your mind much more than television gazing. The constant mental activity builds the mind in much the same way that exercising builds muscles.

I is for **In-depth Learning**. This can be compared to superficial learning, which is done by people who like to "cram" material in before an exam or by those who learn facts simply to impress others. Most often, people rapidly forget what they have learned. With in-depth learning you can actually learn to understand concepts and principles. This type of learning allows you to build and grow to become an independent, innovative thinker.

G is for ♦♦♦. When Dr. Carson THINKS BIG, his "G" stands for God. Everyone has their own beliefs. When you THINK BIG, what does the "G" stand for in your life?



Dr. Ben Carson, President and Co-Founder of the Carson Scholars Fund, has dedicated his life to encouraging others to do their best. Young Ben's life began with an incredible journey filled with poverty, which resulted in poor grades and a violent temper. After his mother, who only had a third-grade education, challenged him to strive for excellence, Ben rose from the bottom to the top of his class. His achievements earned him scholarships to college and medical school.

Today, Dr. Carson is Professor and Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, Maryland. Among his achievements, he is known globally for leading a medical team that separated West German conjoined twins in 1987, as well as for brain surgery to stop seizures. He is the author of three books: *Gifted Hands*, *THINK BIG* and *The Big Picture*.

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