CHAPTER IV

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the research findings and discussions concerning the data collected during the research. According by Yule (1996) which consisted of representatives. directives, commissives, and declarative. The findings should include both the reason or design for the experiments and the results of the studies. These findings are offered in the form of data, tables, and text. This result provides the author's experimental concepts or designs, as well as the outcomes of the experiments. The findings might be presented as tables or text.

A. Findings

1. Types of Speech Acts

These research findings are related to types of speech acts according to Searle. The researcher focuses on the speech performed by Robert Waldinger in the video "What Makes Good Life? Lesson on the Longest Study on Happiness" from the beginning until the end. The findings of the locutionary and illocutionary speech acts are presented in table below:

Table 4.1 Category of Speech Act in Robert Waldinger's speech

No	Utterance	Locutionary Act	Illocutionary
			Act Type
1.	What keeps us healthy	This utterance	-
	and happy as we go	functioning as an	
	through life?	inquiry, it is literally	

		adring for information	
		asking for information	
		about the factors	
		contribute to health and	
		happiness as we go	
		through life.	
2.	If you were going to	The speaker asks the	-
	invest now in your future	hypothetical question of	
	best self, where would	prioritization and	
	you put your time and	investment of time and	
	your energy?	energy by asking the	
		audience to reflect on	
		their goals.	
3.	There was a recent	The utterance is clearly	Representative
	survey of millennials	conveying some factual	
	asking them what their	information from a recent	
	most important life goals	survey where 80 percent	
	were, and over 80	have a life goal to get	
	percent said that a major	rich, and 50 percent want	
	life goal for them was to	to become famous.	
	get rich. And another 50		
	percent of those same		
	young adults said that		
	another major life goal		
	was to become famous.		
4.	"And we're constantly	It articulates a prevalent	Representative
	told to lean in to work, to	societal message,	
	push harder and achieve	asserting that individuals	
	more."	are urged to prioritize	
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		labor, intensify their	
		efforts, and pursue more	
		extensive	
		accomplishments.	
5.	"Pictures of entire lives,	It is nearly impossible to	Representative
	of the choices that people	thoroughly document or	
	make and how those	encompass the entirety of	
	choices work out for	individuals' lives and	
	them, those pictures are	their choices. Our	
	almost impossible to get.	comprehension of human	
	Most of what we know	life frequently depends	
	about human life we	on retrospective	
	know from asking people	narratives, which may be	
	to remember the past,	inaccurate and shaped by	
	and as we know,	hindsight.	
	hindsight is 20/20."		
6.	"We forget vast amounts	The phrase literally	
	of what happens to us in	pertains to our flawed	
	life, and sometimes	memory, which	
	memory is downright	frequently leaves out life	
	creative. But what if we	events. Afterward,	
	can watch entire lives as	questions about the	
	they unfold through	potential for the contrary	
	time? What if we could	to occur contemplate the	
	study people from the	feasibility of monitoring	
	time that they were	life to ascertain the	
	teenagers all the way into	answer to the initial	
	old age to see what really	question posed in the	
		discourse.	
		discourse.	

	keeps people happy and healthy?"		
7.	"We did that. The	The speaker asserts that	Representative
, .	Harvard Study of Adult	Harvard Study of Adult	representative
	Development may be the	Development conducted	
	longest study of adult life	a long-term study and	
	that's ever been done."	describes as potentially	
	that 3 ever been done.	the longest research on	
		adult life ever conducted.	
8.	"For 75 years, we've	The speaker defines a 75-	
0.	tracked the lives of 724	year longitudinal study	Donnagantativa
		that followed 724 men's	Representative
	men, year after year,		
	asking about their work,	lives. The survey asked	
	their home lives, their	about many elements of	
	health, and of course	their lives, such as jobs,	
	asking all along the way	home life, and health,	
	without knowing how	with the future outcomes	
	their life stories were	unknown at the time of	
	going to turn out."	questioning.	
9.	"Studies like this are	The speaker asserts that	Representative
	exceedingly rare. Almost	studies such as the one	
	all projects of this	under discussion are rare.	
	kindfall apart within a	The speaker describes	
	decade because too many	reasons for the failure of	
	people drop out of the	most similar studies	
	study, or funding for the	within a decade,	
	research dries up, or the	including attrition rates,	
	researchers get	insufficient funding,	
	distracted, or they die,	researcher diversions, or	

	and nobody moves the	mortality, which restrict	
	ball further down the	the study's advancement.	
	field."		
10.	"But through a	The speaker describes the	Representative
	combination of luck and	components that	
	the persistence of several	facilitated the	
	generations of	continuation of the study,	
	researchers, this study	combining fortuity and	
	has survived. About 60	perseverance over	
	of our original 724 men	generations. The speaker	
	are still alive, still	discusses the continued	
	participating in the study,	involvement of the initial	
	most of them in their 90s.	study participants (60 out	
	And we are now	of 724 males) and the	
	beginning to study the	expansion of the study to	
	more than 2,000 children	include their offspring	
	of these men."	(nearly 2,000).	
11.	"Since 1938, we've	The speaker provides	Representative
	tracked the lives of two	contextual information	
	groups of men. The first	regarding the education	
	group started in the study	of the first group, mainly	
	when they were	Harvard sophomores	
	sophomores at Harvard	from 1938, and the	
	College. They all	adverse circumstances	
	finished college during	faced by the second	
	World War II, and then	group, who came from	
	most went off to serve in	Boston's poorest	
	the war. And the second	neighborhoods.	
	group that we've		
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followed was a group of boys from Boston's poorest neighborhoods, boys who were chosen for the study specifically because they were from some of the most troubled and disadvantaged families in the Boston of the 1930s. Most lived in tenements, many without hot and cold running water." 12. "When they entered the The speaker breaks down Representative study, all of these the preliminary stages of teenagers were the study, encompassing interviewed. They were interviews with given medical exams. We adolescents, medical went to their homes and assessments, and parental we interviewed their interviews. He describes how these adolescents parents. And then these teenagers grew up into transitioned into adults who entered all adulthood, resulting in walks of life. They varied life outcomes, became factory workers both favorable and and lawyers and unfavorable, citing bricklayers and doctors, specific vocations and adversities such as one President of United States. Some developed alcoholism and alcoholism. A few schizophrenia. developed schizophrenia.

	Some climbed the social		
	ladder from the bottom		
	all the way to the very		
	top, and some made that		
	journey in the opposite		
	direction."		
13.	"The founders of this	The founders of the study	Representative
	study would never in	were unable to predict	
	their wildest dreams have	that their study would	
	imagined that I would be	persist for 75 years.	
	standing here today, 75		
	years later, telling you		
	that the study still		
	continues."		
14.	"Every two years, our	The speaker explains the	Representative
	patient and dedicated	procedure of reaching out	
	research staff calls up our	to research participants	
	men and asks them if we	biennially to ask for	
	can send them yet one	further information about	
	more set of questions	their lives. Numerous	
	about their lives. Many	men from inner-city	
	of the inner city Boston	Boston inquire why they	
	men ak us, "Why do you	continue to be subjects of	
	keep wanting to study	study, whereas the	
	me? My life isn't that	Harvard guys do not pose	
	interesting". The Harvard	the same query.	
	men never ask us that		
	question."		

15.	"To get the clearest	It is a detailed	Representative
	picture of these lives, we	description of how the	
	don't just send them	research was conducted,	
	questionnaires. We	including sending	
	interview them in their	questionnaires,	
	living rooms. We get	interviewing, drawing	
	their medical records	blood, scanning brains,	
	from their doctors. We	and videotaping them.	
	draw their blood, we scan		
	their brains, we talk to		
	their children. We		
	videotape them talking		
	with their wives about		
	their deepest concerns"		
16.	"And when, about a	In this utterance, it can	Directive
	decade ago, we finally	be seen that the	
	asked the wives if they	researchers eventually	
	would join us as	also included the wives	
	members of the study,	of the research subjects,	
	many of the women said,	which was answered with	
	"You know, it's about	the utterance that they	
	time."	knew they would	
		eventually join the	
		research as well.	
17.	"So what have we	The speaker raises	Representative
	learned? What are the	rhetorical questions	
	lessons that come from	regarding the insights	
	the tens of thousands of	gained from the research	
	pages of information that	and then offers a	

we've generated on these preliminary response that lives? Well, the lessons eliminates wealth, fame, aren't about wealth or and diligence as those fame or working harder conclusions. and harder." "The clearest message 18. The locutionary act refers Representative that we get from this 75to the actual meaning or year study is this: Good content of the utterance. relationships keep us This happier and healthier. research comprehensivel We've learned three big y analyzes the results lessons about from a 75-year study on relationships. The first is happiness, health, and that social connections interpersonal are really good for us, relationships. The and that loneliness kills. speaker delineates three It turns out that people major life lessons: who are more socially (1)Social relationships connected to family, to are advantageous, while loneliness is detrimental. friends, to community, are happier, they're (2)The quality of physically healthier, and intimate relationships is they live longer than more significant than people who are less well their quantity or status. connected. And the (3)Good relationships experience of loneliness protect physical health turns out to be toxic. and brain function as People who are more people age. isolated than they want to be from others find that they are less happy, their

health declines earlier in midlife, their brain functioning declines sooner. And they live shorter lives than people who are not lonely. And the sad fact is that at any given time, more than one in five Americans will report that they're lonely. And we know that you can be lonely in a crowd and you can be lonely in a marriage, so the second big lesson that we learned is that it's not just the number of friends you have, and it's not whether or not you're in a committed relationship, but it's the of your close relationships that matters. It turns out that living in the midst of conflict is really bad for our health. High-conflict marriages, for example, without much affection, turn out to be very bad for our health, perhaps worse than getting divorced.

And living in the midst of good, warm relationships is protective. Once we had followed our men all the way into their 80s, we wanted to look back at them at midlife and to see if we could predict who was going to grow into a happy, healthy octogenarian and who wasn't. And when we gathered together everything we knew about them at age 50, it wasn't their middle age cholesterol levels that predicted how they were going to grow old. It was how satisfied they were in their relationships. The people who were satisfied in their relationships at age 50s, were the healthiest at age 80s. And good, close relationships seem to buffer us from some of the slings and arrows of getting old. Our most

happily partnered men and women reported, in their 80s, that on the days when they had more physical pain, their mood stayed just as happy. But the people who were in unhappy relationships, on the days when they reported more physical pain, it was magnified by more emotional pain. And the third big lesson that we learned about relationships and our health is that good relationships don't just protect our bodies, they protect our brains. It turns out that being in a securely attached relationship to another person in your 80s is protective, that the people who are in relationships where they really feel they can count on the other person in times of need, those people's memories stay sharper longer. And the

where they feel they really can't count on the other one, those are the people who experience earlier memory decline. And those good relationships, they don't have to be smooth all the time. Some of our octogenarian couples could bicker with each other day in day out. But, as long as they felt that they could really count
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arguments didn't take a
toll on their memories."
19. "So this message, that The speaker states that Representative
good, close relationships good relationships
are good for our health enhance health and well-
and well-being, this is being; nevertheless,
wisdom that's as old as sustaining these
the hills. Why is this so relationships is complex,
hard to get and so easy to requiring effort and
ignore it? Well, we're persistence, and is
human. What we'd really frequently
like is a quick fix, underestimated in favor
something we can get

that'll make our lives of more enticing, good and them that way. immediate solutions. Relationships are messy and they're complicated and the hard work of tending to family and friends, it's not sexy or glamorous. It's also lifelong. It never ends." 20. "The people in our 75-The speaker presents Representative year study who were the findings from a 75-year happiest in retirement study indicating that were the people who had happiness in retirement actively worked to correlates with the replace workmates with maintenance and new playmates. Just like cultivation of social connections. This the millennials in that recent survey, many of contrasts with the beliefs of younger individuals, our men when they were starting out as young such as millennials and adults really believed that the study participants in their youth, who consider fame and wealth and high achievement were what wealth and fame as they needed to go after to essential to happiness. have a good life. But The actual findings over and over, over these reveal that relationships 75 years, our study has are an important factor in shown that the people long-term well-being. who fared the best were the people who leaned in

family, with friends, with	
community."	
21. "So what about you? The speaker asks	
Let's say you're 25, or hypothetical and	
you're 40, or you're 60. thoughtful inquiries to	
What might leaning in to the audience, prompting	
relationships even look them to contemplate the	
like?" implications of "leaning	
into relationships" in	
connection to their	
respective ages (25, 40,	
or 60).	
22. "Well, the possibilities The speaker proposes Repr	resentative
are practically endless. It several methods to	
might be something as enhance and emphasize	
simple as replacing relationships, including	
screen time with people (1) Substituting screen	
time or livening up a time with interpersonal	
stale relationship by interactions.	
doing something new (2) Revitalizing a	
together; long walks or stagnant relationship	
date nights, or reaching through new endeavors	
out to that family (e.g., strolls or romantic	
member who you haven't date nights). (3)	
spoken to in years, Contacting estranged	
because those all-too- family members to mend	
common family feuds ties and prevent the	
take a terrible toll on the	

	people who hold the	damage inflicted by	
	grudges"	resentments.	
23.	"I'd like to close with a	The speaker quotes a	Representative
	quote from Mark Twain.	statement from Mark	
	More than a century ago,	Twain and concludes it	
	he was looking back on	by saying, "A good life is	
	his life, and he wrote	built with a good	
	this: "There isn't time, so	relationship" at the end	
	brief is life, for	of his speech.	
	bickerings, apologies,		
	heartburnings, callings to		
	account. There is only		
	time for loving, and but		
	an instant, so to speak,		
	for that." The good life is		
	built with good		
	relationships."		
24.	"Thank you"	The literal meaning of	Expressive
		this utterance is that the	
		speaker expresses his	
		gratitude to the audience	
		to close his speech.	

2. Moral Value

Value refers to something regarded as having significant worth or importance, or the standards and principles deemed valuable or essential in life. The first definition refers to value in tangible terms, whereas the second

meaning relates to our behavioral habits. Thus, our values in life are contingent upon our preferences, attitudes, mentalities, and behaviors.

According to Linda and Eyre (1993), there are two types of moral value, value of being and value of giving. Value of being is a value that includes things that are basically inherent in a person, which are related to habits. Whereas value of giving is a value that is closely related to how a person treats others. From Robert Waldinger's TED Talk titled "What makes a good life? Lessons from the longest study on happiness," several moral values can be gleaned. Here are some of the moral values that can be derived from the lessons shared in the speech:

Table 4.2 Category of Moral Value in Robert Waldinger's speech

No.	Utterance	Category	Moral Value
			Туре
1.	Some of our octogenarian	Peace of Ability	Value of Being
	couples could bicker with		
	each other day in day out. But,		
	as long as they felt that they		
	could really count on the other		
	when the going got tough,		
	those arguments didn't take a		
	toll on their memories.		
2.	It turns out that being in a	Loyalty and	Value of Giving
	securely attached relationship	Dependability	
	to another person in your 80s		
	is protective, that the people		
	who are in relationships where		

	they really feel they can count		
	on the other person in times of		
	need, those people's memories		
	stay sharper longer. And the		
	people in relationships where		
	they feel they really can't		
	count on the other one, those		
	are the people who experience		
	earlier memory decline.		
3.	so the second big lesson	Kindness and	Value of Giving
	that we learned is that it's not	Friendliness	
	just the number of friends you		
	have, and it's not whether or		
	not you're in a committed		
	relationship, but it's the of		
	your close relationships that		
	matters.		
4.	It turns out that living in the	Love and	Value of Giving
	midst of conflict is really bad	Affection	
	for our health. High-conflict		
	marriages, for example,		
	without much affection, turn		
	out to be very bad for our		
	health, perhaps worse than		
	getting divorced. And living in		
	the midst of good, warm		
	relationships is protective.		
5.	"We are human. What we	Courage	Value of Being
	really want is a quick fix,		
	something we can get that will		
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	make our lives good and keep		
	them that way Relationships		
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	are messy and they're		
	complicated and the hard		
	work of tending to family and		
	friends, it's not sexy or		
	glamorous."		
6.	"I'd like to close with a quote	Love and	Value of Giving
	from Mark Twain. More than	Affection	
	a century ago, he was looking		
	back on his life, and he wrote		
	this: "There isn't time, so brief		
	is life, for bickerings,		
	apologies, heartburnings,		
	callings to account. There is		
	only time for loving, and but		
	an instant, so to speak, for		
	that." The good life is built		
	with good relationships."		

B. Discussions

1. Types of Speech Act

The data findings indicate that three kinds of illocutionary acts proposed by Searle were performed by the Robert Waldinger. Each of the findings of illocutionary acts is discussed in the following analysis:

a. Representative

According to Searle, representative is an act that convey the truthfulness of the statement. In other words, it depicts external reality

by aligning their expressions or words with their perceived world. This definition is in accordance with what he wrote about the points of illocution on representative, namely: "To commit the hearer to the truth of the proposition. It is to present proposition as representing a state of affairs" (Searle 1999). Representative is the most common type of speech act in this study, because in his speech, Robert Waldinger conveys a lot of information.

1. Representative - Informing

Informing entails conveying facts, information, or knowledge to an individual regarding a subject that they may be unaware of. It involves making statements that represent reality, so we can know clearly that it is representative. Here is the example of informing speech act performed by Robert Waldinger: "There was a recent survey of millennials asking them what their most important life goals were, and over 80 percent said that a major life goal for them was to get rich. And another 50 percent of those same young adults said that another major life goal was to become famous."

According to the theory that representative reflects external reality by aligning their utterances or statements with their perceived universe. By that utterance, the speaker is informing about survey results, presenting factual information with the purpose of depicting reality.

2. Representative – Asserting

Asserting is an act of stating something firmly or confidently to present the information is true or valid. The following is an example of asserting that presented by Robert Waldinger: "We did that. The Harvard Study of Adult Development may be the longest study of adult life that's ever been done."

This statement can be classified as representative as it conveys information that the speaker asserts to be accurate. The speaker asserts a fact on the Harvard Study of Adult Development and its significance in adult life research. The intent is to convey information or generate credibility by emphasizing the scope and distinctiveness of the study.

3. Representative – Reporting

Reporting is an act of account something observed, investigated, heard, seen, or done. Here is the example of reporting speech act found in the video:

"Since 1938, we've tracked the lives of two groups of men. The first group started in the study when they were sophomores at Harvard College. They all finished college during World War II, and then most went off to serve in the war. And the second group that we've followed was a group of boys from Boston's poorest neighborhoods, boys who were chosen for the study specifically because they were from some of the most troubled and disadvantaged families in the Boston of the 1930s. Most lived in tenements, many without hot and cold running water."

The speaker reports accurate information regarding the two groups of men monitored in the study, detailing their backgrounds and the conditions under which they were selected for participation.

4. Representative – Explaining

Explaining is an act to convey information to someone in a manner that is clear and comprehensible. Just like informing, explaining also

conveys an information or statement, but with more depth to make something conveyed clear. Here is the example of explaining expressed by Robert Waldinger:

"To get the clearest picture of these lives, we don't just send them questionnaires. We interview them in their living rooms. We get their medical records from their doctors. We draw their blood, we scan their brains, we talk to their children. We videotape them talking with their wives about their deepest concerns"

Representative illocutionary acts are those when the speaker conveys information, describes a state of circumstances, or expresses a belief about the world, expecting the listener to regard it as accurate. In this utterance, the speaker intends to explain the rigorous requirements of their research methods.

5. Representative – Describing

Describing is an act of giving detailed information or explaining the characteristics of something. The representative of describing is to articulate an account of (someone or something), encompassing all pertinent attributes, qualities, or events. It signifies that a description illustrates the appearance of something or someone. Here is the example of describing of representative act expressed by:

"They became factory workers and lawyers and bricklayers and doctors, one President of United States. Some developed alcoholism. A few developed schizophrenia. Some climbed the social ladder from the bottom all the way to the very top, and some made that journey in the opposite direction."

This utterance provides details of the 2 groups of men under study, describing what the research sujects did after after growing up.

6. Representative – Stating

Stating is the act of defining anything in verbal or written form with precision, comprehensiveness, and clarity. It is used to arrange, fix or announce something in advance. The following is an the example of stating found:

"And I'm the fourth director of the study."

This sentence announces that the speaker is the fourth director. This information is a fact that the speaker believes to be true. This utterance can be categorized as representative because it conveys truthfulness.

b. Directives

Directive means that speakers direct the hearer to perform some future act which will make the world fit with the speaker's words. Quoting from Searle (1999) which determines the illocutionary point of speech act type directive is to try to get the hearer to behave in such a way as to make his behavior match the propositional content of the directive. From this statement, it is known that directive can be in the form of questioning, commanding, ordering, requesting, warning, suggesting, inviting, and etc. In this study only one type of directive was found, which the detailed analysis is presented below.

Asking is the a polite, neutral, or indirect way to request information, help, or action. Slightly different from ordering, which is more firm or authoritative, where the hearer tends to have fewer opportunities to refuse because ordering demand an immediate compliance. Meanwhile asking implies equality and respect to the hearer. Here is the example of requesting act expressed by the speaker in the analyzed video:

"And when, about a decade ago, we finally asked the wives if they would join us as members of the study, many of the women said, 'You know, it's about time."

Directive is a speech act in which the speaker attempts to get the hearer to do something. In accordance with this utterance, the researchers requested the wives to perform an action: joining the research.

c. Expressives

Expressives represents the speaker feeling through psychological states. Refers to Searle's theory which mentions the illocutionary point of expressive is t]o express the sincerity condition of the speech act (Searle 1999). The detailed analysis of expressives categories are presented below.

1) Thanking

Expressing thanking means conveying gratitude or appreciation towards someone for their actions, words, or gestures that have positively impacted you or others. Here is the example found that was expressed by Robert Waldinger:

"Thank you."

An expressive illocutionary act conveys the speaker's emotions, feelings, or views toward a circumstance. In this utterance, "Thank you" expresses thankfulness or appreciation, indicating the speaker's feelings

for others. The primary focus is communicating the speaker's emotions rather than making requests, issuing commands, or providing information.

2. Moral Values

Moral values pertain to the distinction between good and evil, influencing individuals to change their lives accordingly. It should be properly implemented in life. Moral value arises from the appreciation of human values in life. It is a crucial factor in life as it directs individuals towards becoming better persons.

There are two types of moral value, value of being and value of giving. Value of being is a value that includes things that are basically inherent in a person, which are related to habits. Whereas value of giving is a value that is closely related to how a person treats others. From Robert Waldinger's TED Talk titled "What makes a good life? Lessons from the longest study on happiness," several moral values can be gleaned. Here are some of the moral values that can be derived.

a. Value of Being – Peace of Ability

"Some of our octogenarian couples could bicker with each other day in day out. But, as long as they felt that they could really count on the other when the going got tough, those arguments didn't take a toll on their memories." The idea of "peace of ability" in the utterance emphasizes the significance of good relationships in managing life's difficulties. It suggests that fostering harmonious and supportive connections enhances one's ability to navigate life's problems. Intimate relationships foster serenity, alleviating stress and enhancing well-being. Prioritizing quality relationships over quantity indicates a preference for significant interactions that promote mutual respect and comprehension.

b. Value of Being – Courage

"We are human. What we really want is a quick fix, something we can get that will make our lives good and keep them that way. . Relationships are messy and they're complicated and the hard work of tending to family and friends, it's not sexy or glamorous."

The statement "We are human. What we really want is a quick fix, something we can get that will make our lives good and keep them that way" reflects the courage moral value. Courage involves facing challenges with compassion, resisting the temptation to take the easy way out, undertaking virtuous and challenging endeavors, resisting conformity, and upholding beliefs and principles for the greater good. By acknowledging the universal human tendency to seek "quick fixes," true courage involves resisting societal or personal pressures to take shortcuts and advocating for a sustained effort toward virtuous goals. Upholding beliefs and principles for the greater good is also essential, as a good life is not achieved by shortcuts but through consistent effort aligned with one's values.

c. Value of Giving – Loyalty and Dependability

"It turns out that being in a securely attached relationship to another person in your 80s is protective, that the people who are in relationships where they really feel they can count on the other person in times of need, those people's memories stay sharper longer. And the people in relationships where they feel they really can't count on the other one, those are the people who experience earlier memory decline."

The research result shows the significance of strong, supportive relationships in individual well-being. Loyalty encompasses dedication, unwavering support, and an attitude that fosters reciprocal welfare. Dependability in relationships entails the consistency of behavior or performance, which is essential for the well-being and durability of these connections. Dependability is an inherent trait assessed by others by the consistency of an individual's actions, attitudes, and behaviors, which cultivates trust and security, vital elements for constructive interactions.

d. Value of Giving – Love and Affection

"I'd like to close with a quote from Mark Twain. More than a century ago, he was looking back on his life, and he wrote this: "There isn't time, so brief is life, for bickerings, apologies, heartburnings, callings to account. There is only time for loving, and but an instant, so to speak, for that." The good life is built with good relationships."

Love and affection enhance the moral value of cultivating positive relationships by promoting selflessness, empathy, and mutual respect. These constitute the foundational elements of interactions that enhance not only individual lives but also the overall welfare of society. The

phrase "the good life is built with good relationships" emphasizes the moral value of love and affection. Love is a deep feeling that demands ongoing attention, comprehension, and deliberate effort to establish and sustain relationships. An exemplary life prioritizes emotional pleasure and the profound connections established by love. Affection, an inherent human tendency, is crucial for fostering and sustaining positive relationships. Relationships flourish when founded on kindness, warmth, and mutual affection grounded in love. The declaration recognizes the significance of affection as a moral and emotional foundation for constructive human connections.

e. Value of Giving – Kindness and Friendliness

"... so the second big lesson that we learned is that it's not just the number of friends you have, and it's not whether or not you're in a committed relationship, but it's the of your close relationships that matters."

It highlights the connection between kindness and friendliness, wherein intimate, affectionate connections contribute to enhanced physical health and well-being. The research emphasizes the adverse effects of loneliness on health, indicating that insufficient compassion and social support might be harmful. The research highlights the significance of sustaining peaceful and supportive relationships, particularly during conflicts.