



The words on the page were hard to comprehend. [Steve Jobs](#) – one of the great entrepreneurs and innovators of the modern era – died this week at the age of 56. Jobs had battled cancer for many years.

In a time when medical science has boosted the average life expectancy into the 70s, a death at age 56 just seems so incomprehensible. It is only harder to imagine when that person is an icon of your era, one of our inspirational leaders and cultural heroes. Aren't those people supposed to live forever?

Many [shared](#) stories and musings about the man. Many common themes emerged. Although I have written many posts about life, love, and the pursuit of happiness over the years, the news served up a vivid reminder once again of how fragile our lives really are.

Fortunately, Jobs provided us not only with some great technical innovations, but some insightful thoughts of his life experiences as well.

In 2005, Jobs gave the commencement address at Stanford University. It was within this 15 minutes that Jobs provided his perspectives not only to graduates, but lessons that could be used by all of us. This video stands as a small yet integral part of his legacy.