***Notes of a Psychology Watcher***

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**TEENAGERS SHOULD WORK PART-TIME IN GRUBBY JOBS**

I worked in supermarkets for five years during my adolescence and early twenties --- the work taught me invaluable lessons:

1. The world is an outpatient psychiatric ward.

2. Rich people shoplift.

3. People routinely say crazy things.

4. Many people are generous and kind.

5. Employees steal.

6. The world is not fair.

7. Part-time work is the strongest motivator to attend college.

8. Being kind is more important than being clever.

9. Earning your own money is a gift that keeps on giving.

10. It's not all about you.