

Making Better Pictures

1. Get closer to your subject
2. Look for action, reaction & emotion—the decisive moment.
3. Know your light source and experiment.
4. Pay attention to the background.
5. Look for details; visual variety.
6. Find repetition, shapes and patterns.
7. Be deliberate, use the entire frame.
8. Try a different angle.
9. Provide the viewer with a sense of place.
10. Be patient; don't panic.

Photo quotes

Look at light and admire its beauty. Close your eyes, and then look again; what you saw is no longer there; and what you will see is not yet.

- *Leonardo da Vinci*

One of the great things about books is sometimes there are some fantastic pictures.

- *George W. Bush*

You can find pictures anywhere. It's simply a matter of noticing things and organizing them. You just have to care about what's around you and have a concern with humanity and the human comedy.

- *Elliott Erwitt*

I think the best pictures are often on the edges of any situation, I don't find photographing the situation nearly as interesting as photographing the edges.

- *Bill Allard, National Geographic*

To photograph is to hold one's breath, when all faculties converge to capture fleeting reality. It's at that precise moment that mastering an image becomes a great physical and intellectual joy.

- *Henri Cartier-Bresson*

You've got to push yourself harder. You've got to start looking for pictures nobody else could take. You've got to take the tools you have and probe deeper.

- *Bill Allard, National Geographic*

Photography teaches that how well you see, has nothing to do with how well you see.

- *Anonymous*