“8 REASONS WHY TEACHERS DON’T QUIT”

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Individuals who are fond of children and love them even without blood relation most often than not tend to become teachers. Others were inspired by an individual or a relative teacher, or by someone who had a positive impact in their lives. Or maybe, individuals who are seeking for a never-ending learning and passion to teach. Different reasons, but one goal. Goal to make a difference to each and every learner they handle.

Becoming a teacher in this generation requires a lot of effort to be able to hurdle hardships and avoid the tendency of quitting. As the old saying goes, becoming a teacher is the noblest profession because only teachers can create all dignified and excellent professionals and virtuous community servers. Engineers, lawyers, doctors, accountants, architects, and other vocations won’t be evident without the equally efficient, effective and dedicated teachers in the world. And even while the work is loaded, the pressure is vast and stress is constant, teaching remains to be the best job in the world.

Why in spite of being one of the most challenging and stressful professions, teaching remains to be the most fulfilling one. Why teachers don’t quit? The following will simply tell us why mentors don’t give up their teaching job even there are growing complains and uncertainties. Each of the following will explain why teaching is ultimately worth every stress you encounter. First and foremost is “Touching People most specially Children’s Lives”. As a teacher, your role is not just the passing of knowledge academically but what makes a good teacher is that you touch others’ lives personally. You become their consultant or adviser if their lives get tough. They can easily vent out their problems with you and give them life advices. These small actions will inspire them
to continue striving and may take them as inspirations which result to having positive outlook in life. Second is “Making a Difference”. You make a big impact to the lives of your students. Regardless of their background, intelligence, religion, gender or race. Whether big or small, the impact you create, leaves a mark to their mind and inspires them to go on in life. Third is “Constant Learning”. Only this profession allows individuals to continue improving and discovering new knowledge and skills. Being a teacher will make you flexible and versatile. Before entering any teaching job, you need to know how to teach subjects like English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, Arts and other core subjects. But after a month you tend to acquire different skills which are beyond your known capabilities such as managing different extracurricular activities like clubs, sports, journalism, robotics, and even counselling, and learning an array of arts and crafts. You become dancer, singer and actor or actress at times just to push and inspire your learners to discover, share and nourish their hidden strengths, talents and skills. Fourth is “Getting to See Successful Students”. Knowing that you have been part of someone’s life before achieving and surpassing his/her dreams is the ultimate job satisfaction. Teachers feel proud witnessing their students achieve their goals and ambitions. And they are happiest seeing previous students become successful in their chosen fields and careers. Fifth is “Children Teach You as much as You Teach Them”. There is constant learning not just for your students but also for teachers. You learn from them. Even the most innocent answer of a student can seriously change your perspective. Also, you become aware of the latest trends especially now that we live in a modernized world. You become abreast with the latest technology, too somehow because of them. Sixth is “Building Positive Relationships”. Teachers love to communicate with students, colleagues, parents and even in the wider community. As the second parent of your students, the constant communication is the key to promote positive relationship among them. Whether during class hours and after school, you still get along with them not just in times of happiness but also in times of need. For parents by helping each other for their children to become good citizens later. Giving your hundred percent in helping them will
ensure good relationships and sound minds. And getting to meet colleagues with passion for teaching like yours will eventually become your friends for life. Sharing experiences with each other and giving life advices and facing problems together are few of the best experiences teachers could have. And lastly, for the community, teachers know that they must go beyond the four corners of the school. Teachers get to touch different lives outside the school, in the community. This lead to building more positive relationships. The seventh is “Your Harsh Methods Payoff”. Most teachers are too cautious imposing discipline and too worried chucking in extra assignments and tasks or doodling red marks all over their students’ works. But being one of those students before who had been well-disciplined at home and in school, you will eventually understand that mentors may in one way or another be firm. Being a bit of ogre or even monster at times drives the learners do the task which most of the time help them in a lot of ways. The eighth but definitely not the least is “Teaching Becomes Your Life”. It is not merely a job with nice pay check, vacations, gifts, and holidays but it stays in your system. You sometimes murmur your sadness, discomfort, headaches, body pains, dissatisfaction and all negativity you meet in teaching.

No matter how hard your daily routine is because of being a teacher, you remain in the system. Why not quit? Is it just because of the salary or because you do love the job of nourishing young minds, touching the hearts and training hands and bodies of the ones who will for sure shape and nurture the future. Once a teacher you will be a teacher for life for it really becomes your life.

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