DISCIPLINE AS FOUNDATION CHARACTER FORMATION

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Discipline is essential to having good character. It is one of the best values that a child should possess. As the child grows up, parents need to teach children how to behave well and train to treat others with respect, dignity and compassion. It is believed that if the child is reared up with love and understanding he/she will surely display self-discipline to one self. Because discipline is showing love and respect towards the other. He/she will act accordingly with what she/he values and feels.

Sadly, discipline is one of the primary concerns of the youth today. Parents at home and teachers at school both comment that children are difficult to handle.

The family, who is directly affected by the misbehavior of the child, experiences it first-hand. This sometimes result to leniency, excessive tolerance or even apathy. As a result, the child longs for attention and affection which often found in peers. Wrong peer group could lead to disastrous results.

This can also be observed among students who are lacking focus in school or creating mischief and often caught or even causing trouble. All for the purpose of attracting attention or satisfying self-pleasure in doing things they like not knowing the consequences in the end.

Though the child protection policy leans towards the rights of the students, these rights are supposed to be backed up with proper execution of duties and responsibilities. It can be noticed that students only know their rights and ignore their duties. There are instances that the school fails to support and provide the troubled students with guidance and proper behavior reformation.
Who is now to blame for this? Pointing fingers will do no good for this situation. What we need is actions, good planning and programs that are sure to protect and support our youth.

As an adult, it is our duty and responsibility to find solutions on this matter. It should also be our desire that we should always understand students better to enable to establish rapport with them to be able to guide them accordingly. A disciplinary measure should be adopted both at home and school. We should teach our children good manners and right conduct to make them live peacefully, harmoniously, decently and God fearing. If these virtues are instilled to them at an early age, they are sure to become better people.

Being adults, we should set ourselves as role models in displaying trust, confidence, understanding and forgiving petty faults. Children, even at their age deserve respect due to them. Let us treat our children with respect and compassion and in return students/children will treat us the same way. It is never late, let us help our students to become a good member of the family, a well-behaved student at school and a good citizen of the country.

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