ENCOURAGE NOT DISCOURAGE

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Every mankind in this world possesses distinct qualities in life. It can be in skills, in personality or character, in physical attributes or even in some weird habit that only ourselves can totally understand about it. Sometimes we acquire abilities along the way while we are growing up, most of it we learned it from our schools it is because one of our teachers maybe encouraged us and challenged us to hone that skill and do better next time.

As a teacher, teaching elementary kids, I have always witnessed and encountered students that are raw. Kids that display so much potential that are just waiting to be unleashed. They are just waiting to be given the perfect time of shot and when they do, they will definitely impress us. These kinds of kids are everywhere in schools, you can see them hiding at the back when you are looking for someone that requires specific talent, they maybe also sitting at the bench trying to figure out if they can fit themselves with their classmates. Most of them are shy because they lack experience, they are out of motivations, and lastly nobody is encouraging them. One reason as well that hinders these kids to showcase their ability is that they had a bad experience. A bad experience that took down their self-esteem and leads them to stay behind or even hide it. As educators of these precious little ones, let us not discourage them, when they get mistake, still learn to appreciate and be grateful. They may be performed poorly now but later on with our words of encouragement and little bit of our push, they will definitely be able to learn to trust us and with they do they will get so much self-confidence from it. Let us help these kids realize that their mistakes are just part of developing whichever ability they possessed. That as they mature it will get complicated, but they do not need to worry about it because they already had a fantastic foundation when they were young.
Today, we are living in a society that criticism is very much rampant. Whether from your close friends, family, classmates, colleagues and others, criticism right now is same as saying hi or hello. Even without knowing that person personally, some of us already have unsolicited opinion about that strange person. Let us change the world by starting it within ourselves. Let us always expresses appreciation no matter how small or big the act is. Let us encourage one another and not discourage because encouragement is not all about us, it is all about what we can do to others.

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