HARD WORK: KEY ELEMENT FOR SUCCESS

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We live in a world full of transitory things, due to the great impact caused by the pandemic, all aspect of our day to day living was seriously affected including wide range of workplaces and different organizations across our country and around the globe. Different frontiers in our nation are greatly challenged including our educational institution. We faced unprecedented challenges each day to further the learning journey of our young people. Fatigue, stress both in our mind and body, and many other trials come in our way. We may seem to be exhausted and discouraged yet we still manage to carry on, this is because we are Filipinos. The blood of resiliency and hard-working flows in our veins. As part education stewards we carry in our hearts the ambitions and hopes of our young people. We tend to be their role model in all aspects, even in achieving goals in life. As we continue to exert effort in integrating their learning experience through our relentless attempts, we eventually provide the most effective lesson we can give to them, which is the living example of our hard work. In the process, we will see that the greatest success we can achieve is the success itself of those people whom we supported. As a young missionary serving in the southern Philippines, I’ve learned another key element for success. I once conversed with a humble man in our area who is a farmer. In one of our conversations regarding life’s accomplishment he shared with me this important principle, “in whatever task we do, we should put our heart in it”. Through that inspired counsel, I’ve come to realize the larger difference, we can make in our lives if we intentionally do things to grasp our hopes and dreams and lift others. Included in everything that has been said, my personal experience also attests that hard work in a certain field of work leads to big accomplishments in life. When I was a fresh graduate as an educator, I faced a great challenge to undergo a tremendous preparation for our
licensure examination for being a professional teacher. In my first attempt at taking this exam, I admit I’ve gone to a casual preparation, wherein no great effort was exerted and relied much on what they call “stock knowledge” and own talent. As a result, I failed. With that experience, I learned a vital lesson on how important it is to exert a conscious deliberate effort in reviewing lessons included in the exam and applying at the same time those learnings. Those realizations paid off as I once again took the exam for the second time. In preparation, I established a useful pattern of secular learning and gospel learning that lead me to attain the knowledge that I need to answer the examination questionnaire.

The words of President Russell M. Nelson were verified in my experience when he said in the April 2020 General Conference, “The Lord loves effort, and effort brings rewards.”. The same principle applies to all of us, as a part of this vast educational organization in our country. As I observed, those people who possess a hard-working spirit are oft closer to the highest success in life. This is attitude is best utilized in our work even in our educational institution. Educators have a big role to play, each has a significant part to help our institution function. We may not be as talented as others, but if we employ our effort, and develop passion in doing our work that will make a big difference in the path of fulfilling our duties and responsibilities to help others.

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