IS GENDER EQUALITY A REALITY?

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“God created all individuals equally.” But the question is, are we really all equal? Many contradict with the saying primarily because we do not literally feel the word “equal” in different aspects of life. We are equally born with physical attributes. But as for economic and social status is concerned, we can never tell that equality exists.

We are not equal in economic status. Majority of the Filipino people suffer from poverty while others live in luxurious life. Many of us are victims of discrimination when it comes to economic opportunities. Lack of education and poor health are also the results of poverty leading to sickness, commitment to crimes and worst death of less fortunate people.

Another sign of inequality is also visible in gender. We all know that in early times, gender discrimination is one of the burdens among women. But as time goes by, their way of living becomes easier because lots of Filipino women battle for their rights. Their campaign against gender discrimination and inequality became successful as they exercise their rights and privileges.

But is this enough? Is gender equality, really a reality? Gender equality is not visible at all times and situations. In many places, there are women who are still victims of discrimination and inequality because women are weaker members of society. They lack the strength to fight for their rights, thus making them unfortunate individuals. If gender equality really exists, why does violence against women still happen despite of the rights and privileges enjoyed by women? Nowadays, gender equality is not really prominent. Thus, makes the scenario unacceptable among women.
Another example of gender inequality is also prominent in gay and lesbians. Gay and lesbians although male and female in physical attributes are also experiencing gender inequality. Most often, they are humiliated by other members of the society for choosing other sex preferences. Some treated their preferences as immoral and unacceptable. But as time goes by, the rights and abilities and preferences of these individuals are being identified. They fight for their rights as human being. They continue the campaign against gender inequality. They believe that choosing what their hearts desired does not mean immorality. They just choose to be happy. To be happy, they should come out from their shells and continue to live without expectations from the others. As long as they do no harm to others, lesbians or gays live normally as they want it to be.

These are the reasons why gender equality remains a big question to everyone. Gender equality should encompass to what extent the people experience the word equality. It should protect the rights of every individuals especially those weaker members of society. Gender equality should justify that members of the society has a good and harmonious relationship with others.

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