LEARNING FROM MISTAKES

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Mistake is a part of real life. Learning from our mistakes is what the true essence of mistake. We have committed mistakes and from here we get the best lessons that open new opportunities. Different mistakes taught us different lessons that helped us to become better persons and public servants.

For a teacher, comparison is one of the mistakes we have greatly done in our life. Comparing our life to others is very often a self-torture. Comparing to their accomplishments, awards, recognition and fame leads us to our insecurity. But later on, we believe that we don’t really care if the most of the world has more than we have, we only care that they have, and we have not. Envy, jealousy and making oneself miserable with comparisons are sins against authenticity. Comparison hurts us in profound ways. They undermine our confidence and deplete our self-esteem.

Perfection leaves so little room for improvement. We have chosen the direction that progress is the simple pleasure to be savored. Life does not need to be perfect at all times. We sometimes commit a mistake to lead us to better paths which eventually mold us to become better persons. We must always learn from our mistakes. Each of us has different life situation. No meaning fits all because we come in all sizes. We can overcome mistake by accepting our limitations, making peace with our past, and reveling in our passions so that our future may unfold according to Divine plan.

This time, when we are tempted to compare our works, duties and even achievements to another teacher, we must pause for a moment then pray. Remind ourselves, over and over, that there is no competition on the spiritual plane. The blessing they have can be ours as soon as we are really ready to receive with an open heart all the
good fortune created just for us. According to Romans 12:6, we have different gifts, according to grace given to each of us. Let us bear in mind that each life must follow on its course, and that what happens to other people has absolutely nothing to do with happens to you.

In the field of education, what we gain from our mistakes is that we as educators, become authentic and real. Sometimes we keep comparing ourselves from other teachers that we tend to lose our own identity and continue copying their works and ideas for the thought of gaining the same achievement as what they had. But as we face this challenging situation under new normal, creativity is the challenge now. We learn from our past mistakes and create our own path of providing the best possible quality education to our learners in these challenging times.

As we learn to acknowledge, accept and appreciate our mistakes then process begins. We begin to trust our own wisdom and make great choices. These choices will lead us to better opportunities which will give us hope which then affects everyone in our working place.

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