When we are asked to answer the question “What is the way to have the good things in life?”, most of us will answer… of course, Education. Evidently, it is one of the ways to get your dreams to reality. But, is it really enough to feed the mind? Can it be considered that when you are educated, you will be successful?

According to Aristotle, a Greek philosopher, “Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all” To have a good education, a character of a person must be considered too and that is intertwining values.

Values can be defined as broad preferences concerning appropriate courses of action or outcomes. As such, values reflect a person's sense of right and wrong or what "ought" to be. "Equal rights for all", "Excellence deserves admiration", and "People should be treated with respect and dignity" are representative of values. Values tend to influence attitudes and behavior.

Each of us, in different parts of the world has core values to live by, be it ethical, doctrinal, social or aesthetic. Values start at home from how our parents raise us. In school, Values Education has also been a part of the curriculum, it is never neglected. Values integration in all subject areas is also given attention, making sure that teachers deliver the lesson with moral values in it.

What if you are teaching out-of-school youth? Will it be easy to teach them the values that the teacher will impart them? Or it is even more complicated?
The good news is... it is easy! Yes! As long as the teacher live by example. According to some research conducted in different parts of the world, the main method of teaching values was to be a good role model in everyday interactions with the learners.

As teachers, we always want to be treated with respect and it really pays a lot. Respect is given not because you impose it but it is earned whatever age, color, social standing or status you have. If we want to be respected, then we have to show it by respecting others ourselves.

Before we can teach them to segregate waste, to nurture nature and love the environment, we must first do these ways by ourselves or it will have no impact at all.

Value, in my own perspective, is the very essence of the human being that is why it vital to always include them to every stand of learning. We just have to influence. It is appropriate to say the famous proverb “practice what you preach” which should be the fundamental principle for values education.

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