The primer Positive Discipline in Everyday Teaching intends to provide teachers deep understanding of employing positive discipline techniques and strategies in the classroom setting. This kind of discipline aims to modify a child’s misbehavior through a constructive approach sans corporal punishment and verbal humiliation which have adverse and irreversible effects to him/her. The primer likewise, provides multiple problematic situations that a teacher frequently encounters in the classroom and the specific ways how to positively and properly address them.

Last school year, I often lost my cool when my pupils, especially the boys, misbehaved. I resorted to yelling and getting mad like crazy to pacify them. I must say that it was the first time in my teaching career that I wanted to quit my job so badly. Really? How hard did I pray every night for time to run fast, faster than Usain Bolt so that I could be freed from this unbearable misery that I was in. Whether they are the problem or I am, I didn’t even know. All I ever wanted was to get through it, to get done with them, alive and well. That was how I saw my situation. But then, talking to them or to their parents, I came to get a hold of answers to my whys. I was able to know why they behaved the way they did. I was able to understand the reason behind the attitude that they possessed and the actions that they made. No matter how much I disliked them for stressing me out, I couldn’t help but empathize with such pitiful kids.

Knowing “positive discipline” and employing it properly is a must for all teachers. Although most teachers know what positive discipline means long before entering the teaching filed, the primer gives educators a chance to reflect and contemplate again on what they’ve been doing all along.
Our pupils might not be the most lovable pupils in the world. However, they needed teachers like us to understand, correct and accept them. Through positive discipline, let us create an environment full of warmth, love, and happiness while molding pupils who are morally upright.

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