“Others”

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Teachers play a vital role in education, in the lives of the learners and in building a better future for the society. Teachers are like miners digging for treasures. Each student is a potential site where a precious stone could be found. It takes a lot of time, effort and energy for a miner to find what he is looking for. Likewise, it takes the same for a teacher not just to look but in creating a true treasure. On the other perspective, the difference between the teacher and the miner is that the miner is seeking for that special stone but a teacher has already that precious stone in his hands and it is his part to polish it, make it shinier and to increase its value in time.

These roles sound bare and plain for others. Not everyone could understand the weight of the part of a teacher and know what it takes for one to fulfill and accomplish it except those who are within the field. An educator is considered as the second parent of the learners and that simple perception encompasses multiple of duties and tasks more than just teaching. Being an effective teacher requires more than just the intellect. This profession requires greater than that. This field demands more than what teachers were taught with their duties and responsibilities.

The responsibilities of a teacher can be and maybe written in a piece of paper but it is not bounded there, it is countable but still it is infinite and yes, it can be judged by someone but can’t be measured by anyone. In a piece of paper where the duties and responsibilities of a teacher are written, the hardest of all is the simplest among, the shortest word and most obscure. It is the term under everything else, the word “others.” It is stated but undefined, spelled but not well understood and is given but not constant. This word might be the hardest and most burdensome of all the duties though unknown. It comprises many things and sometimes even beyond what one can think of...
as a role of a teacher. Being a real teacher is not simply based on one’s mastery of the subject or performance in the school rated every end of the school year. The one who seeks for what is unknown, the one who is willing to cross a bridge that is not simply taken and the one who considers that under the defined duties and responsibilities is the word “others” as part of his profession is the one who can be called a TEACHER.

Henceforth, a teacher is someone who can do more than what he is expected to perform. He is someone who constantly polishes himself as he also nurtures the diamonds in the rough he has in his hands.

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