In general, man is plagued with all sorts of disabilities that you can think of. Those disabilities can take different forms – some are outright obvious, some are hidden in secrets, and some are in ways that you can never imagine. Of all those three kinds that I can think of, the first one stands out. It is easy to take for granted the last two since one would not see them right away. Truth be told, they are all challenging and need special attention. But, the first one is most terrifying since it cannot be hidden and be kept to oneself alone. Therefore, it is bound to be labeled out in the open. Along with its uncomfortable stigma and judgment given by the society, one with a physical disability would always be defenseless and left vulnerable. Would I be wrong to say that no one would pray for a body with a physical disability?

Perhaps, I am in no position to say what disposition or challenges a person with physical disability faces day after day. I can only imagine what their problems are; and to some degree I can be correct most of the times, or dead wrong on a few occasions. Yet, I would like to think that I understand their problems just about right. On top of my list, the challenges that they encounter is in the areas of communication and socialization. Self-esteem and confidence issues would have to be their number one problem. Let alone perfectly able people are having self-esteem and confidence problems of their own, how much more troubles are in the head of persons with disabilities whenever they need to communicate and socialize with other people around? And, how worrisome should it be if they happen to be learners with physical disabilities?
This rather psychological problem of self-confidence issues further aggravates the shortcomings of physical disability. It branches out to more problems. And it manifests in the demeanor and outlook of the learner if he is unable to communicate effectively. It could create more self-doubt if the learner is unable to socialize the way everybody else does. To some extent, we can all feel that they wanted to reach out. And, we all know that even if they really wanted to, their body just can’t. If this kind of replicating challenges is left unchecked, there is no telling what complications lies ahead with those learners. Some might be able to make it outside the school; but, what about those who will not make it?

Human basic rights are basic rights intended for all human. The basic right to education is education for all. Needless to say, there are real struggles in keeping those basic rights - with or without physical disabilities. When everyone believe that challenges, in or outside the school, are all being experienced by everyone – with or without physical disabilities. Perhaps, individuals without physical disabilities would open up more helping hands to those who are physically unfavored. And perhaps, those people with disabilities would reach out more with less worry, fear, and doubts. Then, it would be a lot less troublesome for everybody – that having physical disabilities will not matter anymore and that it will be just fine.

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