REPUTATION COUNTS

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In the book of Dr. Pringle, it was stated that the first quality a leader must have is not the preaching ability, vision, faith, management skills, people skills, team building, or decision-making skills rather, he has to have a good reputation in the community. If he has that kind of reputation, he can earn the trust of the city and will gather the same kind of people.

We are teachers. It is deemed as the noblest profession. Henceforth, we have to live it. No matter where we go, whoever we are with, whatever the situation or condition is, whenever it might be, however things happened, we must remain steel. Yes, we need to be like that. Being a steel is being righteous all the time in spite of the noise and chaos around.

Sometimes, we lack the control of the situation. We call those circumstances. Nonetheless, this vocation requires high and sound reputation. Meaning, things around may be out of control, but we must never lose control of ourselves. Failure to do so will highly affect the people around. It might tarnish our integrity. One wrong move and everything will go astray already.

In cognizant to that, we must be cautious of our actions not only toward our students but to everyone we meet. We must practice the art of grace under pressure and composure amidst commotion.

In my years of teaching, I must say, the initial years were really tough. I was like a child who immediately reacts. I act on impulse and become unreasonable sometimes. But
now, having learned the vital role of reputation in this institute I belong, I now practice self-control for it affects not only me as a whole but also the people I hone.

As a conclusion, this job does not only needs intelligent and competent individuals. It also needs people who maintains good values.

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