TEACHER-LIKE ATTRIBUTES

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Most of the time, we are more focused on what to study, what to teach, and how to manage our time. Just as important as what we do as teachers, however, is who we are.

There are attributes that a teacher must possess. Since every individual is unique, we might find that some characteristics are more dominant to others. You might also discover that you possess attributes that are very different from them. These are gifts that we need to cherish. However, we must recognize our weaknesses and seek to improve. Here are some teacher-like attributes that we need to consider:

1. Knowledge. We seek knowledge through constant study. It is impossible for us to teach without this attribute. Lesson planning and preparing for a lesson helps us improve. There are specific questions and topics that we do not fully understand yet. Give special attention to these needs to become a better teacher.

2. Hope. Hope is the trust that something good will happen to us and to our students. It is greatly shown when you are confident and optimistic. We have to believe that something good will occur, especially to our students’ study habits. When we have hope, we do not allow discouragement hinder our way. We continuously strive to make things better and we do not easily give up.

3. Humility. It means that we are grateful of whatever we have today. Also, we do not take charge on other people who might hurt or offend us. When we are humble, we only seek what is best and we don’t take revenge. It also means that we are willing to
accept suggestions from others. We are more capable of learning new things if we possess this attribute.

4. Diligence. It is a steady and consistent effort in doing the job. It may be tiring but teaching can be fun. We are expected to be diligent in everything we do. When we are diligent, we find happiness and satisfaction in our work. A diligent teacher do not waste time. He continues until the work is done. He does not wait for others to tell him what to do rather he does things according to his own will.

5. Love. Of course, the most important among these attributes is love. Without it, we cannot do all the work that we have. We must always seek to develop this feeling. When we are filled with love, we do all we can to help others. You can determine if you love your students when you feel a sincere concern about their welfare. You want to see them happy. Also, you do not have negative feelings such as anger against your students and others. Love leads us to action. We can develop this when we seek to serve others.

Remember that these teacher-like attributes are not all. You can find more essential attributes as you continue to improve and learn.

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