TEACHERS’ JOB: CRUEL OR BLESSING

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“Teacher’s job is as easy as A B C…” “Be a teacher… for this job is uncomplicated plus it offers high salary.” These were just a few of what I usually heard from people as I conversed with them about the course I must take up in college. When I was in fourth year high school, I was indecisive whenever someone asked me of what I want to become in the future. I would reply, “I don’t really know.” But then, I ended up taking the course education, maybe because most in our family are teachers and this pushed me to become one as well. I realized that the words I had heard from them are a complete opposite of what the real job of the teacher is. Well, I have not yet taught for a long time or decades but I was able to gain my first-hand experience as a professional teacher and I must say that this job is not as easy as it looks.

I was surprised and in total shock when I had my first professional teaching experience. I was able to see the real education world. Since it was my first time, I had difficulty catching up with the works because I’m not used to it. For example, in making lesson plans, I remember when I was still a student teacher, I was not often required to make lesson plans but then as a real or professional teacher, it is a must to prepare lesson plans every day, otherwise, nothing will happen in the classroom if you are not prepared at all. No learning, also, the time is wasted. In addition, I think it is inevitable to encounter students who will challenge you especially your patience such as making noise or doing unnecessary things. No matter what you say to them, reprimand them and they will stop for a moment and later on, continue with what they are doing. But as a teacher, I must maintain composed and not be shaken from these naughty students. There were times that I barely got time to eat for I must finish my work such as checking the output of my students, reviewing the lesson, making quizzes and exams, and etc.

Although there are hardships you may encounter as a teacher, there is still a bright side in teaching which is delightful and more important to focus on. Even a small good act from students
can melt the heart of the teachers. An example of this is whenever the learners greet you when they meet you in the hallway or outside the school. From there, you can sense their respect for the teacher. Also, when they volunteer in carrying your things or extending their hand with whatever you need. They will be there. I also appreciate when they actively participate in class discussion, sharing their opinion and ideas that make the interaction more lively and interesting. I must say that it is not a requirement for the students to be the smartest or a genius. What’s more important is the attitude and manners toward others. Intelligence is a waste when one thinks and acts highly of himself. I value the relationship I have with my students. They are like my siblings. I instil knowledge among them and at the same time, I learn from them. There’s a give and take relationship between the teacher and the learners.

From my perspective, even though being a teacher is not an easy task since there are unexpected situations that may happen as you teach, still, this is the noblest job. As a teacher, you have the power to change the lives of the students for the betterment. You are like a bridge that helps the students to cross in order to get to the other side and reach for their dreams. It is a huge blessing being able to touch the lives of the students and seeing them turn their dreams into a reality. Both the hard work of the teacher and the students will be paid off as you see yourselves grow and become a better person. Salute to all the teachers who put all their passion and dedication in teaching the students. You are the reason why we have nurses, doctors, engineers, and also teachers. Teachers’ job is incomparable and truly remarkable.

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