TEACHING BY EXAMPLE

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There are different teaching approaches, methods and strategies that are cited in various text books, however, teachers should never forget the basic but one of the most effective ways of teaching – the teaching by example.

In the perspective of the students, a concept or a lesson can be learned easier if tangible examples are presented- things that they can see, hear, touch, smell or interact than imparting abstract idea only. Teaching by example is most appropriately reflected in Values Education subject as noted by Dr. Tarcila P. Javier, the Division Schools Superintendent of the Department of Education-Bataan, once said, “Values are not taught, they are caught.”

The manner of how we talk, how we act and how we behave can be considered critical in developing holistically developed individuals because when we teach, we do not only provide them knowledge and hone their skills, but also we impart a part of us. A child, being innocent, sees our every action as morally and legally right bearing in mind what they see from us or what we show to them, purposively or not, is right, they imitate it. This reminds us that we, teachers, should always be conscious and careful with our choice of words and actions. Likewise, Will Durant, one of the great American writers, historians and philosophers, once said “We teach more by what we are than by what we teach.”

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