TEACHING HOW TO AVOID MISTAKES

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One of the biggest frustrations of a teacher is seeing how his students keep on making mistakes repeatedly. It can be due to a lot of reasons. It is frustrating for a teacher when his students fail to correct their previous mistakes. When this happens, a teacher should get a firm hold of himself and not give up on the task of reinforcing the mental faculty of his student. When a student does not get the correct answer to a question, it does not really follow that he doesn’t understand. If he keeps repeating the same mistakes, it does not mean that he does not have the capacity to correct himself. Maybe it is hard to teach students to arrive at the right answers. But it is much easier to make them understand what to avoid in order to get correct answers.

According to Matthew Jones, a life coach and personal growth expert, failure provides value because it results in more information than success. When you commit a mistake, you learn to consider other perceptions and prospects that you wouldn’t have otherwise considered. It is like teaching a child what foods to avoid to make him understand what healthy foods are. Or maybe what to avoid wearing during hot summer season to make him understand what suitable clothes for hot weather are. Matthew Jones added that instead of perceiving mistakes as a problem, we should consider them as an opportunity and an indicator of growth. Committing a mistake means going outside of your comfort zone and braving yourself to learn something new.

Sometimes, the best way to teach a student to arrive at a correct decision or answer is to teach him what ideas or decisions are incorrect. So next time a student gives you a wrong answer, do not force him to give you the correct one, guide him to arrive at it.
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