TEACHING IS MORE THAN A PROFESSION

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These days, there is an exceeding number of education graduates that aspires to be an educator. But the sad truth in the story is that a large portion of that number ends up as underemployed. This could be due to lack of proper educational foundation that leads to inadequacy for licensure or just the bare fact that being educators was really not their first choice. Whichever, both are very important in continuing along the path of being an educator.

Some probably thought that teaching is an easy career choice, it is stable and lifelong. What more can one ask for? But in reality teaching is one of the hardest careers out there. This is why one can’t venture into it half baked. A teacher holds not only personal welfare but as well as the welfare of others. Although they may seem brute and rough at times, students are like fragile glass that needs to be handled with care. In glass-making the earliest stages are the most volatile phase wherein it can affect the final shape of the product. Just like in teaching the early years are the hardest (elementary and high school) since it is when the personality and academic development starts. The tiniest mistake can lead to a domino effect that will affect the way they perceive teachers and education in general. There are cases wherein teachers leave a negative imprint on the mind of a student at a young age that led to animosity towards teaching figures or aversion to school as a whole. These cases cannot be easily fixed. The trauma could run deep in the psychology of the child. Only a positive interaction with a teacher or someone with a similar role will slowly alleviate the adverse impression, which can be challenging given that most of the students that carry a baggage like this have trust issues. But not all cases are negative. There are instances wherein the effects are completely opposite than the latter one. There are those who
happened to encounter a teacher that moved them in a way or sort that as they grow up that gratitude grows to a heroic kind of situation. They idolize that figure and outline their aspirations to that. Often this is the story of most students who take up education. These are those who develop passion towards the craft. This should be the goal of teachers, to somehow, in some sort of way, touch their students’ point of view and outlook in life in a positive way. It is when teachers can really say that their profession is fulfilled.

There are more to teaching than just ‘teaching’, it a sort of devotion to make something better for the future generation. It is not simple or easy. This is the oath that should be thought in Colleges and Universities. More than just diploma, license, or degree.

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