TRANSFORMING THE PORTRAIT OF THE TEACHER

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The common stereotyped ideas about teachers have 4T’s; terror, tormentor, tinder and tsismosa.

A terror teacher encompasses a highly authoritative figure towering over the students. A person of self-righteousness with her gaze alone will inflict terror just like a sheep seeing a wolf staring upon, ready strike without any warning towards students. On the other hand, a tormentor teacher is the one who beat students. This kind of behavior is conveying to the students that one-step out of line and this they will be subjected to. That even if they make a mistake they will not be given a chance to learn from them, but instead they will be taught that lesson forcefully. In addition to the common stereotype of a teacher, the idea of setting a spark, of starting a fire for romantic relationships was always the log-cabin foundation for tinder. Tinder is a free, location-based mobile dating app that simplifies the process most dating website requires. In other words a tinder teacher is likely to be seeking relationships than casual sex. Lastly, the word tsismosa implies that a teacher hooked in gossip. Teacher gossip is a pernicious problem in many schools.

With the entire stereotypes that have been discussed, teachers need to do some Workouts, “total make over”.

The portrait of the teacher shows one as a person, peer, parent, partner and professional.
According to Fleetam and Shearer (2008), the teacher as a Person has 5P’s of a transformed teacher. The first P is positive. Being positive is not afraid to take risks. Go attitude

and Yes attitude because positive people believed in themselves and in others. The second P is poised—having composure, self-control, patience and grace under pressure. Poised people encourage others to become open. Pleasant is the third. Pleasant teachers have the friendly, approachable, confident and enthusiastic face. Pleasant teachers infect others to become enthusiastic.

The teacher as a Peer. There are four types of people in the workplace. As it is mentioned in Johari Window, the WARY may mean withdrawn, aloof, rigid and yielding while the HUM may mean hiding, unhappy and mistrusting. The HOT implies haughty, overly confident and tactless and the COOL focuses for being candid, open, outgoing and listener for the cool teacher shows kindness.

Being pleasant is the key to a/effective workplace communication but a/effective workplace communication starts from a/effective family communications.

The teacher as a Professional. The professional teachers make God works in their work because God is the first worker. He is the best model worker. Remembering the lesson from humbles worker—rooster. The rooster always starts the day…..thanking God. The rooster is consistent in the quality of output and a conscious of time that never late.

The teacher as Purpose-driven. Teacher has directions for daily work decisions. It is just a matter of prioritizing what you need to be done.
A teacher will always be a teacher. The portrait will be remembered until the last breath and the portrait of the teacher shows one as a person, peer, parent, partner and professional.

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