VALUE FORMATION: A CHALLENGE TO TEACHER

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“Intellectual education influences the head and values-based education influences the heart.”

-Shiv Khera, Author of You Can

It is now a natural scenario in television or radio news about teenagers commits crimes. Some are involved in theft, rape, cyber pornography, scandals and worst, murder.

Tabloid newspaper Tempo reported a 13-year old Grade 7 student stabbed a 15-year out-of-school youth to death before turning himself to barangay authorities. PS-6 Chief Superintendent Rossel Cejas of Batasan Hills said stabbing incidents are common in their area usually among youths, aged 11-17. These and more of the news about the young are alarming. Where their values instill on their hearts? Most of us believed that values learned first at home, but it is most believe that teachers have vital roles in molding the minds and the hearts of the students.

As early as 4 years old, child learns the values of courtesy. We hear them say “Good morning, Good afternoon, Excuse me, May I go out? Thank you”. This is the best foundation to instill the good behavior on child. Teach them self-discipline like throwing trash, saying “po” and “opo” and honestly in doing task, are simple ways of teaching them good manners. What is an essence of schooling if the outputs are persons of disappointment and waste of the society? Ability is nothing without the right attitude.

Schools do not stop nurturing children of good conduct. But why young of society involve on unending problems? Knowledge is nothing without values. School is not just for cognitive development of students but also establish an affective aspect of an individual. Teachers serve a good example to their students. The child learns by imitating. If we teachers want to produce a better person, we need first to be their role model, if we do not want them be late in class; we must be punctual, if we hoping to have a well-disciplined class, we must discipline our self first. Teachers’ attitude and behavior reflect on their students. What students learn from us is like a sword that strike on them. It is hard to undo what has said and shown. A teacher should practice what he preaches. Their actions speak more than their words. Students learn values
from what the teachers rather done from what they say. Teachers manifest appropriate behavior of their students by their actions. Teachers must have a virtue of moral values and dilemma. Teaching is a holistic approach to obtain quality education. Teacher should act as a friend, facilitator and a guardian. A teacher has an infinite potential of bringing about a change in the society by demonstrating essential values of head and heart. Teacher can impart values in students by giving them instructions through discussion, demonstration and lectures.

We must bear in mind that it is in our hands the future of the nation.

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