WELL LOVED TEACHER

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The most important determinant in the entire school situation is the teacher. But why are some teachers popular while others are not? Some well-loved, others, hated? What are the traits that a good teacher should possess? Can these elevate the quality of education?

“Kids are not changed by the right curriculum or the right pedagogy. They are changed by the right teacher.”

The foundation of good learning can be promoted if all schools will be able to employ dedicated mentors who have the initiative to make teaching and learning productive. However, it should also be considered the qualities that an ideal teacher should possess. These are the following:

Compassion and Sympathy for the Learners. A teacher must have a pleasant personality. Learners love a happy, sympathetic and enthusiastic teacher. Generally, they don’t like a grouchy teacher who cannot control his / her emotions before the class.

Positive Mental Attitude. Every teacher must manifest to think more on the positive and a little less on the negative. To keep a smile on his/her face when things get tough, to see the bright side of things, to find the positives in every negative situation and to be philosophical are some of the ways that exert an influence to the minds of the learners.

Open to Change. A professional teacher is able to acknowledge that the only real constant in life is change. He / She knows that there is a place for tradition but there is
also a place for new ways, new ideas, new systems, and new approaches. He / She is always open and willing to listen to others' ideas.

**Role Model.** Teachers are the window through which many young people will see their future. Be a good one.

**Creative.** A good teacher is able to motivate his / her students by using creative and inspirational methods of teaching. He / She is different in his / her approach and that makes him / her stand out from the crowd. Hence, the reason why students enjoy your classes and seek him / her out for new ideas.

**Wholesome Personality and Happy Disposition.** A good teacher is one who radiates light and cheer. He must be tolerant and understanding. Effective teaching and learning is the result of cheerfulness and understanding.

**Presentation Skills.** A teacher knows that his / her students are visual, auditory or kinaesthetic learners. He / She is adept at creating presentation styles for all three. His / Her body language is his / her main communicator and keeps it positive at all times.

**Calmness.** A composed teacher knows that the aggression, negative attitudes and behaviours that he / she sees in some of his / her students have a root cause. A calm teacher is good at helping his / her students de-stress.

**Respectful.** A good teacher knows that no one is more important in the world than anyone else. He / She knows that everyone has a place in the world. A teacher should respect his / her peers and his / her students. Having that respect for others gets you the respect back from others.

**Inspirational.** An inspirational teacher knows that he / she can change a young person's life by helping them to realize their potential, helping them to grow, helping them to find their talents, skills and abilities.
As Danny Steele quoted “Kids aren’t inspired by lessons... but by teachers -- teachers who bring joy to the room, passion for their subject, and love for the students.”

As time passes by, learners may forget what lesson in school did we teachers imparted with them but what will remain in their hearts the good and joyful memories teachers have shared them. Let’s all be a well loved teacher.

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