WHY ARE GOOD VALUES IMPORTANT?

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With technology conquering every aspect of people’s lives, many are showing remarkable changes on the way they behave, the way they speak, and the way they think. It means that the values that they possess nowadays are becoming unprotected in many forms. So, the challenge is on the hands of the educators on how they can maintain good values among the students despite the modern era, sudden change on value system, and the presence of social media. As teachers, we are responsible in sustaining the good principles that students should bear on their minds and should exercise to become responsible citizens of our country.

Now the questions are: Why are good values important? How can we preserve good values? As Chmielweski (2004) stated, “values are required in childhood and manifest themselves on the school as permanent perceptions that shapes and influence the nature of the behaviors. Indeed, it is essential to form behaviors that are within the standards of the society and morality.

Teachers can help students to show and uphold good values in many ways. Take for instance in a discussion. Nowadays, some students unable to use polite terms in talking to the teachers or elders as if they are speaking to their classmates or friends of the same age. Teachers may correct students and must instill the use of terms such as “po and opo”, because this is a basic act of showing respect among elders that manifests good behavior. Another example is on the manner students leave their home whether it is for school activity or personal matter. Teachers may advise learners to ask permission from their parents whenever they want to go outside, let say on practice for a group dance or they want to get along with their friends. Many students just simply ignore this good
deed. Since teachers are the second parents of the students, the former should teach the latter the essence of telling their activities or whereabouts on their parents, because this is for their own good and security that shows open communication between parents and children.

Another glaring evidence on changing values is on the way today’s generation looks and accepts their body. Many are cautious on their appearance. They want to beautify their body, to the point that they want to enhance one or some of their physical features. They are not contented on the way God created them. It is nice to look good all the time, but it is not right to change your physique. To avoid this negative belief, teacher should advise students to take care their body, because it is the temple of their spirit. Teachers should explain the value of respecting oneself, because any change they made on their body is not a good act.

In addition, teachers should incorporate the lesson of being role model. Who are role models? Role models are someone whose character can be emulated. Certainly, this is the best way that can be inculcated to our students to sustain good values. How do they can do this? The answer is simple: Teachers should help students realize their full potential, identify their strength, show their talent and skill and use them to help other people. In this way, a good student stands that will serve as a role model to everyone.

These are some of the good values that student should preserve to become people who are worthy of emulation. Teachers, parents, and students must work together to maintain good values, because these manifest authenticity of an act.
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