

KNOWLEDGE BEYOND ACADEMIC GRADES

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The importance of education among Filipinos is valued as a precious wealth in life. No wonder parents always telling to their children that the only inheritance that they can leave with them when they die is a good education. It is also believed that one of the best ways to show gratitude to parents is by studying hard and getting high grades reflected on the report card. That is justifiable and will not fade facts about education.

Some people cannot pursue their studies at the college level for several reasons. Poverty is one of the great percentages in the Philippines why a person did not make it to the college level. How about others that financially capable but decided to start a business or simply get a job after high school? Or others that became victims of life circumstances and did not make it to college?

Family obligations, financial difficulties, moving residence, unprepared for academic requirements, need a break from the rigors of education, and some lack of dedication and time for classes and coursework. These are also some of the many obstacles why a person cannot pursue studying.

Knowledge beyond grades in a report card simply means life reality to me. Yes, it is, facing life's reality, where no one is ever excused in trying times, hard times, challenges, or trials. Surviving life and surpassing difficult situations is a piece of knowledge beyond the four walls of the classroom. The the best teacher is experienced, a person that experienced difficulties and conquered them gained wisdom.

A good decision-maker chooses actions that give the best outcome for themselves and others. That is one of the best traits a person can develop for himself. A practical application of the combined knowledge we acquired from our home and in the school.

One day a person will just look back on his past and smile, a person that did not surrender and despite getting a line of 7 grades on his report card during his elementary days will congratulate himself because he succeeded. Success cannot only define by gaining material things in this world, becoming a good person and living as a blessing to others can be considered a great success.

The following list unveils some of the most important lessons in life that people learn the hard way:

1. Walk your own path.
2. Don't hesitate when you should act.
3. Experience what you have learned.
4. Good things don't come easy.
5. Never fail to try more.

At the end of the day still, we are the only ones accountable for our decisions and our life. Yes, knowledge beyond school grades is important but we cannot deny the fact that grades reflected in school report cards also show a student's perseverance, discipline, and wisdom.

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