

AUTHENTICITY AND HYPOCRISY

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Many of us are still afraid to get out of our comfort zones. We only take pride where we are good at and we seldom explore something new to find out our other hidden traits. The same is true in teaching, some teachers settle for less and do not try for the best. What is told is always what will be done. But you and I will both agree that there is no size that fits all. Not everything will be found in the faculty or teacher's manual.

How we interact and deal with our learners say a lot about our personality as a teacher. The learners of this generation have a very good grasp whether the teacher is being authentic not just with his words but also with his actions. In accordance to the surveys I have read in the past, the youth of today long for role models who will help them and guide them to get through this dynamic and ever-changing world.

In many observations I had before, I learned that a teacher must be authentic with all the things he does. Like the old cliché, "Honest is the best policy." Learners do not just want superficial actions. They find it very much like a hypocrite. In reading this article you would have recalled many teachers you had in the past and have identified some 3 or 4 of them who have shown authenticity in words and in actions. They are the ones who unquestionably influenced your life because they went over what was required of them. They teach you lessons that are rarely found in the book yet proven to be applicable and beneficial into your life. Therefore, their influences once have become the mantra of your life. There is no doubt that authenticity leaves a mark that stays for centuries. The inspiration of authentic teachers has passed the test of time.

When a teacher is identified to be a hypocrite, everything that he does is only based on context and he must not have exerted effort in becoming the teacher that he was really meant to be. Fear must have overpowered the will. These teachers only contained themselves with they need to be done. Learners do not like these teachers. Respect is hardly given because they know for a fact that it is only a show. These teachers have never felt like they have changed somebody else's life except themselves. However, this is not the final destination of this kind of teachers. There is always a room for improvement. They only have to open their eyes to be able to see to the truth that the key is with the students.

Teachers and learners complete each other's sentences. When a teacher finally meets the student/ batch/ class who will change his life, there is no turning back. This student/ batch/ class will present some sort of a challenge for the teacher to pass or fail. The choice is basically the teacher's. He can either face it or run away from it. The learners will not mind whether you have passed or failed that test. What matters is how you faced it.

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Isn't this imagery beautiful? Isn't that in life, what's important is how you deal with victory and defeat? Learners do not demand teachers to be perfect teachers, they only them to be true. Because at the end of the day when there is truth, nothing will ever go wrong. Do you think teachers in your school demonstrate authenticity or hypocrisy? You tell me.

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