

## ON BECOMING A TEACHER

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Teaching is not a lucrative profession such as engineers, doctors, lawyers, and so on. Sometimes it is full of challenges, heartache, and disappointment in life. Teaching is not like a fairy tale that has a happy ending. Indeed, it is of responsibility that every ordinary teacher could bear. But why do we want to become a teacher:, why are many of us willing to face those challenges, and heartache despite that we can look for another job with a competitive salary?

According to research referenced by Solomon (2010), teachers in public schools enter the field mostly for intrinsic and altruistic motivations. This is mostly shown in their willingness to work with and educate young children. Simply because they wished to improve the lives of future generations, educators keep on teaching (Nieto as cited in Lancia, 2016)

In his research, Royogan (2018) also looked at the motivations of young Filipino teachers. In the end, eleven major themes came to represent the reasons why young educators chose to become teachers. The young Filipino teachers claimed that their motivation for teaching is to make a difference, inspire others, uphold values, alter lives, set the bar for educational excellence, address social problems, transfer knowledge and skills, and support others' ambitions.

It is indeed that the role of educators is more than the delivery of an academic curriculum but more so, the development of good, conscious, and morally upright citizens. In conclusion, even becoming a teacher takes a lot of challenges, and heartache we cannot deny the fact that the teaching profession is full of happiness and joy that no

legal documents and amount of money could be measured. Even becoming a teacher is not a lucrative profession, but the memories that we shared are the things that we treasure for a lifetime seeing your students succeed in life is also a success of the teachers that wash away those heartaches in the life of the teachers. Being a teacher is like a superman or Wonder woman that can do anything for the sake of the learners.

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