

THE HEART OF TEACHING: CORNERSTONES OF SUCCESSFUL LEARNING

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They said that the foundation of effective teaching lies in the core principles that facilitate successful learning. Indeed, it's true. Based on the letter written by a priest to a novice educator, contains various situations and lessons that aspiring educators should learn, as well as the essential qualities they should possess to become effective teacher.

There are many reasons to teach, but one motivation is a guaranteed recipe for burnout: if your primary drive is financial gain, then teaching is not the career for you. What drives someone to dedicate their life to teaching, often at personal financial sacrifice? According to the priest, a good teacher possesses a unique blend of qualities, including a touch of theatrical flair, a sense of performance, and a deep-seated sense of mission, like that found in medical professionals, which motivates them to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

As the priest aptly put in, one can only share with others what they themselves possess. Interest and enthusiasm are contagious, flowing from one person to another like electricity through a wire, highlighting the importance of genuine passion and energy in inspiring and motivating others. To remain effective, teachers must continually update their knowledge and stay current in their subject area. Possessing a master's degree is merely a starting point, not a culmination of one's educational journey. Complacency is not an option; instead, an educators must strive to enrich their teaching materials with real -world contexts, anecdotes, and engaging storytelling, including humor. Furthermore, leveraging multimedia resources such as YouTube videos and online documentaries can help facilitate a more immersive and dynamic learning experience.

To captivate learners in today's social media era, educators must focus on innovative delivery methods rather than just the content itself. Research highlights five key psychological factors that grab attention: incorporating hands on activities, relating concepts to real life scenarios, injecting humor, highlighting relevance, and introducing novel pr unexpected elements. By incorporating these factors, teachers can create engaging and memorable learning experiences.

“Effective teacher glows like a candle, burning with passion to light the way for those they teach”.

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