

A Good Teacher: Some Suggestions

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India has been a land of “Gurukul” system of education which had been in practice from very ancient times. This system had produced great masters in various disciplines.

As time moved on and along with the advancement in the sphere of Science and Technology, it has become almost indispensable for the teachers to adjust, adopt and practice new advancements to the prowess level so that he/she may be able to impart his/her knowledge to the very vibrant younger generation. The young generation nowadays are smart phone friendly and pretty impatient. They look forward to instant results. Thus, catering to them is never considered to be a cakewalk. Therefore, teachers need to act smarter. They should approach towards the new innovative methods of teaching with the help of audio-visual aids.

It has been proven innumerable times that human mind is more perceptible to videos than to text format. Thus, for the greater comprehensibility of students, teachers must put such gadgets which display output in a video format into use. Teacher teaching with the help of a projector in a class can make his/her students easily understand the chapter as compared to the teacher teaching in an orthodox way. The reason behind it is quite simple. Whenever a student tries to understand any topic, he/she tries to form its image in his/her mind. If so formed image matches with the text taught by the teacher, he/she understands it. In many cases, the text is very complicated and thus it becomes very hard for a student to form its corresponding image. Consequently, the student either does not understand it or assumes its wrong interpretation. If a teacher acts smart by using electronic devices like projector, they are already giving or showing that image to student which he/she forms in his/her mind. Thus it becomes relatively easy for students to understand the topic. Besides, it guarantees the correct interpretation of a subject which is very vital.

A good teacher ensures different paradigms of teaching. They may take their students to educational tours which can act as a boon to their students' career as it imparts a practical way of understanding. Quality films, quality literature serves the same purpose. As the vast course of students is stubborn to snatch the adjective of mammoth, a good teacher tries to figure out some entertaining ways of teaching like educative tables, G.P.S. maps, videos etc. to lower the stress level of students.

It is of paramount importance that teacher must prepare the subject well and deliver it in such a way that each and every student of the class is able to grasp it easily. As every finger in a hand is of varying size, similarly every student possesses varying I.Q. level. Thus, a teacher can only be categorised in a group of good teachers if the knowledge imparted by him/her reaches the deep roots of each and every brain present in his/her class. Language is one of the effective tools that can cater to the aforesaid purpose. The more lucid the language is, the greater is its comprehensibility. Referring example with his/her text can make it easy for students to understand the fact. The profusion of illustrations in teaching can append values to it as well as make it interesting.

Role playing is one of the inevitable qualities that a good teacher must have a knack at. If a teacher cannot act as an actor, he cannot be termed as a good teacher like if a teacher is teaching poetry in his manner of talking then the effectiveness of it will be reduced. On the other hand, if he/she acts according to the poem then the students will understand not only the literal meaning of the

poem but also the theme and ambience behind it. Similarly, if a teacher teaches in a monotonous way then it will kill the interest of students present in the class. Thus a teacher needs to vary his/her pitch of sound so that the effect of every sentence comes in a profound manner.

A teacher must always have a smile in his/her face. It creates a soothing and a calm environment in class which is very positive and healthy in all forms. His/her voice should be soft which will keep unwanted apprehensions out of the mind of children. As the mind of students will be free, they can highly concentrate on their studies. It is important that a teacher must behave politely with students and address them with respect. This will inculcate self-confidence among the students and they will feel confident in the class. Generally, the students hesitate in asking their queries. The reasons behind it are many like other students will laugh at him/her or teacher will scold him/her for asking such a pity question etc. If a teacher possesses the above mentioned qualities, the students will never hesitate in asking their queries. The teacher should foster students to ask more queries and try to develop a sense of curiosity among the students. The more curious the students become, the more innovation generates inside them. Thus, a teacher must always work hard in creating an atmosphere of curiosity in the class.

As we know, teacher is generally the role model of most of the students. Thus, even his/her small activity will be noticed and followed. Thus, besides being polite the dressing sense of teacher must be decent. A sense of sobriety should be reflected from his/her dressing style.

Teacher must teach in a confident voice as it would become hard to convince students if his/her voice lacks conviction. Nobody will ever be inclined to study from a teacher with trembling legs or stuttering voice. Besides possessing confidence in self, a good teacher confides in his/her students. This encourages the students and gives them a ray of hope that they can do. A good teacher motivates his/her students at every point of time whenever necessary. This keeps his/her students in high spirits which can consequently bring out better output.

The very true words of this proverb “To err is human” should always be stuck in the mind of a teacher. As a teacher is also a human being and thus can commit mistakes unintentionally and if that mistake is pointed out by his/her student then he/she despite scolding him/her should accept it instantly and appreciate the student. It is one of the biggest virtues and must find a place in the quality list of a teacher.

A good teacher never criticizes his colleagues and that too before his/her students. It marks the negative impression on the students which can act hazardous in their life. Apart from it, a teacher must be supportive. He/she should support his/her students in every possible way as his/her support acts as a shield for his/her students.

A good teacher must possess the virtue of optimism. He/she should be optimistic in his/her opinions and view of life. This spreads the positive feeling among his/her students which helps the students to nurture well in their life and attain goals in their life. Positive talks of a teacher boost up the confidence of his/her students whereas negative talking lowers their morale.

Teacher should be passionate about his teaching. If a teacher acts lethargic in class then how one can expect him/her to generate a passion among his/her students. His/her passion should be reflected from his/her teaching style. He/she must have an aptitude to learning as teachers need to be updated with the current scenario. Thus, he/she should be eager to learn anything new and teach to his/her students.

If the above enumerated qualities are present in any teacher then he/she will surely be one of the successful teachers. He/she will be liked and respected by his/her students.