**The pros and cons of be a teacher**

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When someone decides to spend his/her life teaching or educating new generations, he/she should take into account the fact that it is “24 hour living for teaching”. To be a teacher is not as any other job in which you leave the place of work and everything is over.

Why if it is a very demanding job, people decide to become a teacher? Here are some points in favor to this decision not to mention some others which are disadvantages.

24 hours living for teaching it is not a complain, it is an opportunity to be in permanent contact with knowledge, to perceive the sensation there is something new to learn every day, to be in contact con life, it is a very positive point in a way the teacher feels herself/himself alive, young and renewed.

It is a way to work for a better world, to help people to improve, to develop a worthy mission. Besides it is a way to live with a stable labor relationship, in most cases. Likewise the vacation time is great, and why not to bring up the fact the teacher can organize the schedule in a more flexible way.

The power to influence others, to become a reliable person and have the opportunity to stay in community doing something valuable, raise the teacher’s self esteem and his/her sense of worth as a human being. If the teachers get this, it would a great advantage, **a huge leap** in pro to dignify the teaching as a profession. It is not a government duty, it is in first instance a teacher task.

On the other side, there are some uncomfortable aspects in this profession. Things as low salary, have to follow policies with which you disagree, little time to rest, and the disturbing fact that today teachers deal with students whose academic field is not important.

The social problems, the poverty, the injustice, the drugs troubles, the violence, family breakdown, and the loneliness in which children and teenagers live nowadays, make the misbehavior in students increase day by day, and no doubt the teacher’s job is becoming more complicated too.

No less frustrating is the fact that many parents do not give teachers enough support, and they leave the school alone. This lack of parents’ responsibility makes the schools go one way and the boys on another way.

The school issues, how to manage the students with wrong behavior, how to get good goals in class, how to evaluate, what technique to use, what methodology, how to treat the students in and outside of the class, the time for parents and how to deal with them are some of the affairs which take up the teachers’ mind the full day.

With all of these matters the election is not an easy task. People need to be aware of the mission in the world. That is why you are here in this planet. This is not a place to suffer which you are doing; you have to enjoy it too, what you must do is discover your vocation, If you think it is in teaching go ahead! The most important person to justify is yourself. But make sure you do not feel cheated. In my case I am sure I am in the correct job. I love it, it is a job in which I feel 24 hours living life to the full (intensely).

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