Challenge 24
Teacher Academy

What Teachers Make

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, the president of a large corporation, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, “What’s a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?”

He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers. “Those who can, do. Those who can’t, teach.” To stress his point, he turned to one of the guests and said, “You’re an AFNR teacher. Be honest. What do you make?”

Having a reputation for honesty and frankness, the AFNR teacher replied, “You want to know what I make? I make students work harder than they ever thought they could. I teach them how to speak on their feet and work as a team. I make them question. I make them criticize. I make them apologize and mean it. I teach them to understand that if you use your brain, set your goals and follow your heart, you can do anything.

The AFNR teacher paused and then continued quietly and deliberately. “You want to know what I make? I make a difference.”

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