Power of Hard work and Advice

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Every person under the globe wants success and a good life. No one wants to struggle and challenges. However, what many fail to understand is that success in many instances comes after a struggle and showing perseverance. It is critical. However, few people feel the need to keep pushing when things get tough. They will see the end of the road for their very dreams they have had for years. It is funny how an individual can have dreams of becoming an important and successful person in the world, but when faced with a single challenge, the person yields very easy without putting up a fight. That is the nature of many people in contemporary society. They do not want to struggle a lot, and that is not how this life works. One needs to fight back when challenges come, and through such a spirit, one keeps their dream alive and valid. That is what hard work is all about.

Back during the high school days, there was this friend, Paul whom we had schooled together. Paul was not the type of students who could grasp what the teacher taught on the spot. He was a slow learner, and this was a big challenge to him. Adding to this problem was that Paul was shy which made it even harder to talk to the teacher or other students for help. Such was life for Paul. It was all a bad experience in school for him. He never liked school, or so I thought. Being a close friend, it was easy to know the kind of challenges he felt at any point in his life at school. In spite of all these, Paul still had big dreams for the future. Most of the time he would share what he wanted to be in future with the few students who had the privilege of having his time. It was rare to get Paul to talk to any student. He had a few friends whom he shared with his experiences me being one of them. That was his life, a life he himself never liked.

From his introvert life, some students made fun of Paul. Some would go to an extent of calling him the ‘shy dude.’ However, Paul was unique in that he did not let all that was being said about him stop him from his focus. In fact, it reached a period when he decided to use their ridicules as an inspiration to work hard and prove them wrong. Deep inside, Paul was sure that he had the potential to become whatever he wanted and it was only a matter of time before he made that one decision that was to change his life forever. He was always that person who scored the lowest grade in the class, a fact that many knew. It was a tough position to be in. There is nothing bad and devastating like struggling in class while other students are performing pretty well. It makes one question themselves. It can be hurting and sometimes it leads to depression. In fact, some students have developed depression and low self-esteem when they realize that all they do is not working for them while their classmates seem to have the best of their experience in school. Such is an experience no one wants in school. After all, everyone wants to be the best, but that is not always the case.

It reached a point and Paul decided to do anything at his will to overturn the situation. He wanted to do things differently this time round and know what it felt like on the other side of life. He wanted to be that person with valid dreams. And true to his words, Paul did change something about himself. First, he decided to approach the instructor for some guidance. This, he did after some serious nagging from me. When he finally met with the instructor who in fact was new to the school, the instructor shared a lot with Paul. He told Paul that he had gone through the same experience during his early days in college. As such, he advised Paul accordingly. From then Paul joined a group of six students where they discussed different subjects. A change was noticeable from the way Paul was behaving since he met with the new instructor. It was all apparent to me that all that Paul needed was someone who had gone through the same experience and overcame the same to advise him. It was a new dawn for Paul because the first thing he was able to overcome was his shyness. He started to socialize well with other students, something that made them change their perception towards him. They began to offer him help in different subjects. Paul was happy, and everyone around the school could see that. When he did the next exam, he performed excellently. He was no longer the last student. He was somewhere in the middle and his journey for success had just begun!

It is clear that people face many challenges in their lives. Such problems can affect how one relates with others hence their performance in work or at school. However, sometimes what a person needs is advice from another person who has lived the same life and conquered it. That kind of advice plus hard work can do wonders. That is a powerful tool that can change one’s life for better as seen in Paul’s case.