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I took the survey in the website it seems interesting to see where I stand in these areas of christian character in my life. I am hard on myself when I am rating myself in anything. I have always felt there is room for growth and so I feel the same when I was taking this survey. Of course I was honest about what I was answering I saw the results and it I was as I expected. And as the website said "*Simply because 100 percent would imply perfect Christ-likeness. It would be the Christian character score for Jesus"* So there is always room for a person to grow.

As an educator looking at these scores reminds me of what I have already told myself I need to draw closer and closer to God every day. There is no way that I as an individual can develop and grow in Christian Character without a closer relationship to God and for the fruit of the Spirit to manifest and show in me I must make sure that my life is connected to God. There is no way to demonstrate this christian character if we do not believe and have faith in God and Jesus Christ. How do the results impact me as a teacher well I will say that even as adults we must understand that no one is perfect, people need to be directed and helped to walk in a path. Just as I know that must grow in certain areas in my character the students need to be given the opportunity to grow in areas of their life. As a christian I know and recognize that the Fruit of the Spirit comes from the Holy Spirit and He is the one that changes the heart of the person that believes in Jesus Christ as their saviour. As the Holy Spirit continues to work in me and my character I will be able to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in my job as a teacher.

One of the virtues I would like to cultivate in my classroom in Kindness. Although the other has clearly pointed out the importance of cultivating gratitude or growing this character in the life of a person because from gratitude the other virtues will in a way branch out. I chose kindness today I would like to teach my students to be kind to one another. They should be able to take care of themselves and others and others property. In research they have determined that kindness helps form meaningful connections and relationships. It also helps children develop a sense of helping others and in doing this helps them feel grateful for what they have. I will help the children define the word kindness and give examples of kindness. The children may be able to make of list of things that they can do in the classroom and at home that demonstrate kindness. As the children are growing in the area of kindness I can also teach gratitude as you notice working and helping others (being kind) may help the students be grateful for what they have. And on that note I would continue teaching the students about being grateful. To ensure that there are no gaps in the students learning these virtues and they can leave having practiced the virtue that I know they should have and will benefit them as they grow. "And those gaps - those differences in gratitude, joy, and God-centered disciplines - are the reasons that the host of other differences exist such as difference is an inner peace, patience, kindness, and So on; difference is an overall Christlike character; differences in qualities that so many Christians strive futilely to develop." (Zigarelli 2002, p.24)

Reference

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