A GOOD TEACHER

Meeting a good teacher is very important. A good teacher is a person who can give you good suggestions. A good teacher is responsible, a scholar, and compassionate. He can help you be a better person. He will explain how to enrich your life. He will let you know what is bad and what is good. If you don’t have a good teacher, your life may have no meaning. You might not know how to cherish your life. I hope you will meet a good teacher in your life. If you do, you must understand that it is a good chance. You must learn something from your teacher every day. You must push yourself and study hard.

A teacher can show you how to reach your goals. You must try hard to do what your teacher suggests. Even Buddha cannot help you if you don’t listen. For example, maybe you fall into a deep hole. Someone finds you. They want to help you. They give you a rope. They tell you to hold the rope. However, if you don’t do that, how can that person help you? And what will you do when this person walks away?

I was lucky to meet some good teachers at Rangya School. They helped me understand who I am. They told me what responsibilities I have. They told me why I should cherish every minute to do something useful. They taught me how to be a good person. They explained why I should try to help others.

With their help, I realized that we eat, sleep, and enjoy some things every day. This is not enough. We will be sorry when we get old. We will look back at our life. Did we try to do something meaningful? If the answer is no, what did we do? Why did we not do something meaningful? Is the only purpose in life to get money, food, a place to live, clothes, cars, motorcycles, and jewelry? If that is the purpose, how are people and animals different?

New Words
1. suggestion གཏུན་ལོག
2. responsible གཏུན་ཁྱེད་གྱི
3. compassionate གཞི་གཞི་ལྡན་པ
4. enrich གང་གི་ན་རོལ་ནས
5. cherish གང་གི་ེར་ཏོག
6. goal དབང་གིས།
7. rope རོག་
8. meaningful ནང་ངས་བཤད
9. jewelry རྣམ་གྲངས
10. purpose བཞིན་ཐལ།

Phrases
1. can give you... གཏུན་ལོག་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
2. help you be... གཏུན་ཁྱེད་གྱི་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
3. explain how to... གང་གི་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
4. might not know how གཞི་གཞི་ལྡན་པ་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
5. good chance དགྲ་འབབས་ཆོས་
6. push yourself གང་གི་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
7. reach your goals གང་གི་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
8. try hard གང་གི་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
9. do what your teacher suggests གཞི་གཞི་ལྡན་པ་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
10. for example དཔེར་བཞག་ན།
11. fall into a deep hole ནང་ངས་བཤད་པ་དེ་བཞིན་བཤད།
12. understand who I am བཞིན་ཐལ།
13. I should cherish every minute དེ་བཞིན་ཐལ།
14. do something useful དེ་བཞིན་ཐལ།
15. a good person བཞིན་ཐལ།
16. This is not enough བཞིན་ཐལ།
17. will be sorry བཞིན་ཐལ།
18. look back at our life བཞིན་ཐལ།
19. purpose in life བཞིན་ཐལ།
Match the vocabulary below (1-10) with its meaning (a-j).

1 suggestion ___  [a] tell someone what they should do
2 responsible ___  [b] do things well; do things on time
3 compassionate___  [c] kind
4 enrich___  [d] make something better and more interesting
5 cherish___  [e] love
6 goal___  [f] purpose
7 rope___  [g] strong string used to, for example, tie things to a yak when you move to another camp
8 meaningful___  [h] important
9 jewelry___  [i] rings, necklaces, bracelets, earrings
10 purpose____  [j] goal

Put these words in the blanks below: a, and, be, to, in.

Meeting ____ good teacher is very important. A good teacher is _____ person who can give you good suggestions. A good teacher is responsible, _____ scholar, _____ compassionate. He can help you _____ _____ better person. He will explain how _____ enrich your life. He will let you know what is bad _____ what is good. If you don’t have _____ good teacher, your life may have no meaning. You might not know how _____ cherish your life. I hope you will meet _____ good teacher _____ your life. If you do, you must understand that it is _____ good chance. You must learn something from your teacher every day. You must push yourself _____ study hard.

Put these sentences in the proper order.

__A teacher can show you how to reach your goals.
__I was lucky and to meet some good teachers at Rergy School.
__If that is the purpose, how are people and animals different?
__Is the only purpose in life to get money food, a place to live, cars, motorcycles, and jewelry?
__Meeting a good teacher is very important.
__They explained why I should try to help others.
__With their help, I realized that we eat, sleep, and enjoy some things every day.
True/False. Mark these sentences True (T) or False (F). If a sentence is false, change it so that it is true.

1. Meeting a good teacher is not very important. T/F
2. A good teacher is a person who can only give you good food to eat. T/F
3. You must understand that it is a good chance if you meet a good teacher. T/F
4. You must learn something from your teacher once every year. T/F
5. You must not push yourself and never study hard. T/F
6. A teacher can show you how to reach your goals. T/F
7. Buddha cannot help you if you don’t listen to good suggestions. T/F
8. The only purpose in life is to get money. T/F
9. People and animals are different. T/F

Choose the correct words that are underlined below.
A teacher can show you/I how to reach mine/your goals. You must try hard to do what them/your teacher suggests. Even Buddha cannot help you/I if you don’t listen. For example, maybe you falls/fall into a deep hole. Someone finds its/you. They wanting/want to help you. They given/give you a rope. They tell you too/to hold the rope. However, if you/your don’t do that, how can that person helping/help you. And what will you do when this people/person walks away?

Spelling
1 person who can give you good ossngugesti _____________________
2 a good teacher is pmacnaisestoo ____________________
3 He will explain how to nicehr your life. _____________________
4 You might not know how to schhire your life. _____________________
5 A teacher can show you how to reach your loags. _____________________
6 They give you a poer. _____________________
7 Did we try to do something fmueanlgin? _____________________
8 Is the only purpose in life to get money, food, clothes, cars, and yeewlir? _____________________
9 If that is the ppeosur _____________________
Match these sentence parts to make correct sentences.

1 With their help, I realized that we eat, __
   [a] a place to live, clothes, motorcycles, and
   jewelry?
2 This is __
   [b] back at our life.
3 We will be sorry __
   [c] do something meaningful?
4 We will look __
   [d] no, what did we do?
5 Did we try to do __
   [e] not enough.
6 If the answer is __
   [f] people and animals different?
7 Why did we not __
   [g] sleep, and enjoy some things every day.
8 Is the only purpose in life to get money, __
   [h] something meaningful?
   food, __
   [i] when we get old.
9 If that is the purpose, how are __

Questions for discussion. Student A and Student B ask each other the questions below. Student A does not look at Student B’s questions. Student B does not look at Student A’s questions.

Student A

1 Give two reasons why having a good teacher is important. 11 What is the purpose of your life?
3 What is a good teacher? 13 How are people and animals the same?
5 Describe two bad teachers you have had. 15 What two things did you like best about this text?
7 How can a good teacher help you? 17 Why do you need a good teacher?
9 If you fall in a hole, what must you do if someone gives you a rope? 19 How do you know a teacher is good or bad? Explain in detail.

Student B

2 Describe two good teachers you have had. 14 How are people and animals different? Give two examples.
4 What is a bad teacher? 16 What two things did you like least about this text?
6 In your life, what is important? 18 Should you cherish your life? Explain your answer in detail.
8 How can Buddha not help you? 10 What is a meaningful life?
12 When you are old, do you want to believe your life was meaningful? Explain.
Match the Tibetan phrases with the English Phrases.

| A. བཤད་རེད་སོར་གནང་། | 1. a good person |
| B. བཤད་རེད་རེད་རེད་རེད་ | 2. can give you... |
| C. བཤད་སོར་བཤད་སོར་ལེབ་ལེབ་ | 3. do something useful |
| D. བཤད་པོ་བཤད་པོ་བཤད་པོ་བཤད་པོ་ | 4. do what your teacher suggests |
| E. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 5. explain how to... |
| F. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 6. fall into a deep hole |
| G. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 7. for example |
| H. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 8. good chance |
| I. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 9. help you be... |
| J. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 10. I should cherish every minute |
| K. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 11. look back at our life might not know how |
| L. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 12. purpose in life |
| M. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 13. push yourself |
| N. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 14. reach your goals |
| O. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 15. this is not enough |
| P. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 16. try hard |
| Q. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 17. understand who I am |
| R. བཤད་བཤད་བཤད་ | 18. will be sorry |

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