

“Virtues to Live by”

Before You Begin – An overview for teachers

Love of learning

“Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.”

(Proverbs 1:5)

Definition

You are a lifelong learner with a desire for knowledge and always strive to deepen your understanding. You are open minded, give time to learning and seek the truth.

Biblical sources

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“Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.” (Psalm 25:4)

“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.” (Psalm 25:5)

“For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:6)

“The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.” (Proverbs 18:15)

“Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.”
(Proverbs 20:15)

“Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.” (Proverbs 4:5-6)

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.” (Colossians 3:23)

Why do we practice Love of Learning?

It is part of the human condition, what it means to be human – to desire to know, to grow, to develop, to search for meaning and purpose. Of all of God’s creation, humans have embedded in us at our creation, an innate desire to learn. It allows us to be open to the works of the Holy Spirit and the gift of knowledge.

The practise of learning, of learning from mistakes, helps us grow.

How do we love to learn?

We are often inspired by a good teacher, by role models to become enthusiastic and self-motivated learners instilling a lifelong passion to learn.

To love to learn is to have a sense of possibility, be excited about learning and play with possibilities. This can provide the foundations to enable us to persevere despite challenge and frustration so that learning can be fresh, new and interesting, or build upon prior knowledge.

Key Words:

Passion, inspire/inspiration, enthusiasm, lifelong, possibilities, perseverance.

Signs you have a love of learning:

I want to learn new things

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn

I enjoy learning

I am open minded

I give time to my learning

I always search for the truth

I know what I want to achieve

Reflection Questions:

Are you a lifelong learner?

When and how do you give time and space to learn?

What is it you want to learn?

Do you reflect on my learning?

Quotes:

'A love of learning has a lot to do with learning that we are loved.' Fred Rogers

'Teachers who love teaching teach children to love learning.' Anon

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' Nelson Mandela

'Commit yourself to lifelong learning. The most valuable asset you'll ever have is your mind and what you put into it.' Brian Tracey

'A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning.' Brad Henry

'Try to learn something about everything and everything about something.' Thomas Huxley

'The purpose of learning is growth. And our minds unlike our bodies can continue growing.' Mortimer Adler