

THE ART OF TEACHING



Professor James Muro and Grandmaster Arthur Gonzalez – Dec. 1, 2012

An Instructor will drill students in techniques and maneuvers; an instructor's goal is make a better practitioner of a particular system or art.

A Teacher is deeper; a teacher will build character, or at least expose what character there is in the student, and invoke virtues that make a good person, Great.

A Teacher must not only be a good technician of skill, but a designer of growth and development.

Learning is much easier than teaching; to be a teacher one must have learned the art in a level that must be greater than ordinary. They have to come up with the one common denominator so that everyone in the class can understand what he or she is trying to explain.

The teacher also has to understand and remember that teaching is also a process of learning. He or she has to prevent bad practice habits. Teachers have to instill in the students the importance of accurate performance rather than just a demonstration of power.



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A good teacher will be someone who genuinely cares about the progress and welfare of all the students that they are working with, regardless of the student's skill level. A good teacher will value the students time and effort during class, just as the student in turn should value and appreciate the effort you put into theirs; the significance of the giving of the black belt is really about how much of the teacher has given of themselves to the student.

A good teacher will never leave you with the feeling that you have been used. He or she will have you leaving the dojo feeling positive and up- beat.

A great teacher will impart their knowledge at precisely the moment you need it - they will make you understand fully the goal at hand. They will provide this knowledge in an environment that was both enjoyable, as well as physically, mentally and spiritually stimulating; at the end of the class they will always leave you wanting more.

It is important that the teacher would have learned just as much, if not more, from the students, as teachers we must never stop learning.



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The teacher must be honest with themselves, and more importantly, honest with the students who train with him or her. Never be afraid or ashamed of not admitting as the teacher that you didn’t know it all.

“you cannot quench your thirst if you always drink from an empty cup”

James Muro

