

SANA ANG BUHAY PARANG EXAMS LANG

"Sana ang buhay parang exams lang. Mas binibilang sana 'yung tama kaysa mali."
When I saw this post, I felt sorry for my friend because I knew the quote came from a heart that was hurting. I knew this, because I felt the same way in the past.

Years ago, I would often feel bad because my efforts seem to always fall short of my goals and the expectations of everyone. Some people did not even hesitate to let me know how disappointed they were in me. Ang wish ko noon, sana binibilang din nila 'yung mga tamang nagawa ko, hindi lang yung mga mali. But life does not work that way.

As I tried to understand how to improve my situation, I realized that I can never change the way people react to me, but through Christ, I have the power to change myself! But how did I know what to change? Instead of forcing people to accept my weaknesses, I studied these weaknesses so that I can improve myself on them.

And then it dawned on me na ang buhay parang exams nga lang, pero imbes na 'yung tamang sagot ang bilangin, dapat nating tingnan 'yung mali.

You see, when my children were young I would always tell them na hindi kailangang tama ang lahat ng sagot nila sa exams. Mas importante para sa akin na malaman nila kung saan sila nagkamali at kung ano ang tamang sagot doon para pag naulit ang tanong in the future, correct na ang isasagot nila. So I would tell them to always ask for the corrected test papers at the end of the exams so that they can review them. I told them that it is not essential that they are always correct. What's more important is for them to improve and learn from their mistakes. I learned this approach from the lesson about trials in James 1:2-4.

When our "good" is not good enough, we should not sulk and feel sorry for ourselves. Instead, we should ask why it was not good enough and know how to improve on it. We should not force people to accept our weaknesses but instead, use their criticisms as a tool to understand how we can do better. We should not do this to impress them, but so that we can become the best for the Lord!

Ang totoo, ang buhay ay parang exams lang. Mas inaalam dapat natin kung saan tayo nagkamali para puwede nating itama sa future. When we do this, we can become better and better, from one exam to another, and from one trial to another. Ang tawag namin dito sa Semilya Sa Kinabuhi is to Excel Still More!