

Monday - March 15

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NKJV)

In June 2020, I received the news that my school was planning to return to in-person learning in the fall and needed to make some changes for the start of the school year. After having taught online from March to June I was happy to do whatever was asked of me. Little did I know these changes consisted of me becoming a classroom teacher for the first time. As an intervention specialist for the past 8 years, I was confident in my role. Becoming a 5th grade teacher was out of my comfort zone.

When August 25th rolled around there was no turning back, I now had 12 students who were relying on me to be with them almost every minute of every day for the school year. I had no idea how I was going to teach new concepts and subjects and be the best teacher for these students. I very quickly learned, however, that it was not about how “good” of a teacher I was, it was about caring for the well-being of these students. None of the parents had any high expectations for this year, they were just grateful their child was in school with their friends. So even in all my worry about being the “best teacher” in a new position, I really just needed to do my best to ensure that each of my students felt safe and cared for.

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Prayer: Lord, I pray that you stand with each person who is making changes in their life. I pray that you can help them see what they are doing is their best and that it is good enough. I ask that you will not only receive their best but show them that they are worthy. I ask this in your name. Amen.