



1.9 WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEACHER (CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD TEACHER)

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According to His Majesty:

- Diligent
- Providing and helping out others
- Firm, tolerant
- Disciplined
- Avoid inappropriate indulgence
- Honest and frank
- Kind and having good intention
- Be neutral, not easily swayed by immorality
- Kept abreast of one's knowledge
- Reasonable

According to Buddhism:

- Friendly (approachable for consultation)
- Respectable
- Admirable (knowledgeable)
- Speaking with reasons, knowing when to speak
- Listening to others' suggestions/criticism
- Able to simplify complex things, able to explain in depth, able to acquire deeper understanding
- Not leading others to nonsense, destructive paths

From survey of students, teachers, administrators, monks, and scholars:

- Well behaved
- Knowledgeable
- Having good characters and proper dress
- Able to teach well
- Punctual
- Fair
- Keep abreast of knowledge
- Gay (merry)
- Sincere, honest
- Willingly helping out others

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- Knowledgeable
- Upbeat about being a teacher
- Being clear and concise
- Being open
- Being a role model
- Able to relate theory to practice
- Well groomed and having good personal hygiene
- Humorous
- Flexible
- Honest
- Patient
- Self-confident
- Being diversified