The Secret Kingdom for Educators: An Overview

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- Based on the best selling book:
  - The Secret Kingdom: Your Path to Peace, Love, and Financial Security
    - First published in 1982
    - Featured 8 laws
    - Expanded edition published in 1992
    - 2 laws added
Applying the laws to education

• Editors:
  • Dr. Alan Arroyo
    – Dean: Regent University School of Education
  • Dr. Hope Jordan
    – Professor, Regent University School of Education
• Additional authors:
  – 10 SOE Faculty Members
  – Different denominations
Intended Audience

Teachers

- Pre-Service and In-service
- Public and private and Christian settings

Intended for believers, but appropriate for non-believers

Applications in other settings:

- Teacher/administrator preparation programs
General Approach

Chapters tied in Pat Robertson’s initial thoughts and relevant scriptures
Each author integrated real life examples of the laws in action
Some were personal
Some highlighted the experiences of others
All accounts were grounded in truth
DO

Reciprocity
Perseverance
Change
Unity
Fidelity

BE

Greatness
Responsibility
Miracles
Dominion

SPEAK

Takes the form of a cross or an arrow pointing upward.
“DO”

Involves Intentional Effort from us

**DO**

- Use
- Reciprocity
- Perseverance
- Change
- Unity
- Fidelity
“BE”

Goes beyond doing

Must become a natural part of the essence of the individual who claims them
Verbalization is necessary to exercise these laws:

Taking the authority God has given us through faith in Him
Law of Use

At the top of the model, the “point of the arrow”
Using what you have
   Your God-given gifts and talents

The key principle of success in life—for Christ followers and the World.
“The parable of the talents”
Law of Reciprocity

Pervades the physical and interpersonal world

Newton’s Law “for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction”

The Golden Rule
Law of Perseverance

Concomitant to the law of use because industrious effort may not come to fruition unless you continue to persist until you prevail.

The habit of perseverance provides strength for future endeavors.
Law of Fidelity

Faithfulness in small things leads to an allegiance to greater matters.

Perseverance and Fidelity interact to produce synergistic results when employed together.
Law of Unity

Unity is the key to success of the whole

Originates within and spreads out to larger organizations.

\hspace{1cm} \text{Flows most naturally through service}

Even Satan’s kingdom cannot experience small successes without unity.
Law of Change

God’s spiritual kingdom requires continuous change in the structures of this world.

Change is inherent in reciprocal relationships.

Accommodation is necessary for change. God-directed action leads to transformation in Christ.
Law of Greatness

Paradoxically emanates from being a servant
Because humility cannot be faked for long, it must stem from a truly redemptive relationship with Christ.

Becoming a humble servant leads to greatness in God while working for the Kingdom of God
Law of Responsibility

Driven by the concept of *noblesse oblige* (nobility obligates), this law requires Christians to take greater responsibility for others.

Responsibility is a position of leading as a servant and is tied directly to the laws of Use and Reciprocity.
Laws of Miracles and Dominion

Both grounded in the mode of expression representing intimate contact with the Lord of the universe.

As we submit to God’s authority and faith in Him, we obtain authority that we speak (silently or audibly) which taps us into the spiritual energy that feeds the material world
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Teacher Pre-Assessment

Self-Assessment

Review of My Beliefs and Practices as an Educator

Directions: Read each statement. On the scale of 0 to 10, indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each statement. Circle the number along the scale that represents your extent of agreement or disagreement with each statement. In the space provided for “evidence”, record information that supports your rating.

1. I believe that each student has unique talents and abilities that can be activated to increase the learner’s achievement in school.

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2. I believe that the quality of my teaching directly impacts the level of each student’s learning within my classes.

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3. I believe that I am industrious such as being meticulous in lesson planning and instructional delivery to maximize learning for each student in my classroom.

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# Teacher Self-Assessment

## SUMMARY OF SELF-ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Directions: Use the results of your pre-assessment to identify which of the standards will require additional time and attention for your professional improvement. For each standard, record your corresponding numerical rating in column 2. Next, record notations in column 3 that indicate how you might engage professional development experiences to increase your performance on any low rated standards.

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