

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Teaching Taekwon-do, as an Instructor is probably the most demanding thing that many students often take for granted.

Students often tend to disrespect Instructors, many individuals get much quality time put into them from white belt through to their goals of black belt without even so much as a thanks to their Instructor. Some even repay their Instructor by not bothering to turn up again. Students drop out regularly without even so much as a phone call to say thank you for your time but it's not for me.

I know many of my senior Instructors will be reading this and probably be smiling in agreement at this stage.

Can you think of the last time you actually thanked your Instructor for the class that you had received or the last time you walked into your training hall and greeted your Instructor properly?

Students often moan about various things when they should be concentrating on training. They sometimes moan about their Instructor when things aren't going their way, it usually gets back to the Instructor, sadly it seems many students feel that their instructor is someone they can take for granted.

One person who knows more about this than anyone is our Grandmaster but he's still here, the tenant perseverance springs to mind!

A little too strong? I don't think so; ask some of our seniors Instructors it's more than appropriate.

Why do they bother?

I'll tell you why they bother, why they care, and the real reason why we as an association will always be number one for authenticity and quality.

The Instructors do it because they enjoy it, they relish seeing student's progress, achieving goals and promoting no matter what the grade from white belt onwards - it shouldn't stop. The goal of black belt merely opens the door to more opportunity and more knowledge to gain of this dynamic Korean Martial Art of self-defence.

Some teach for money to earn a living and pay bills, but you will find that the majority of Instructors within our Association teach it for the love of the Art and the true reasons that Taekwon-Do should be taught.

After reading this, whether you like it or not, whatever grade you have around your waist, ask yourself one question - who got you there?

Well? Doesn't that deserve a thank you at least?

The next time you can't train, pick up the phone and let your Instructor know you won't be there that session, greet them in the correct manner, support them and your school, but most of all be proud of who your Instructor is and don't disrespect them.

What would we do without them?

They are special; look after them, whatever the grade they are all human and they do have feelings - even the toughest ones!

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