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CARE CONVERSATIONS

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FROM
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Dear Friend,

Have you ever been in the presence of someone who was a genuine elder of the faith? In this next series of *Care Conversations*, Stephen reflects on his time with one of the elder statesmen of the faith, and of Christian Schooling - the Rev Bob Frisken (AM). The context was Bob teaching a group of teachers in Kalaymyo, Myanmar. They soon fell in love with Bob's wisdom, love and care. We hope that you can see glimpses of this through this set of *Care Conversations*.

Sincerely,

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ADMINISTERING GOD'S GRACE

If you were to ask your teaching friends why they are teachers, I wonder what their responses would include. I have often heard a strong theme of altruism when I have asked the question – and that is because teaching is still, contrary to some perceptions, full of people who care about children and young people.

However, Paul reminds his readers that when we teach as Christians, we do so to share God's gifts with others. He gives us gifts (*charismata*) and as we use them, we are spreading His grace (*charis* – see 1 Peter 4:10).

Business experts today may focus on effectiveness (how much impact has this had?), efficiency (do we achieve this cheaply?), or both – efficacy. Paul would challenge us to be good stewards – spreading God's grace around by using the gifts He has given us. For us in Christian schooling, that means teaching as a steward: *I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of His power.* (Ephesians 3:7)

Grace and peace,

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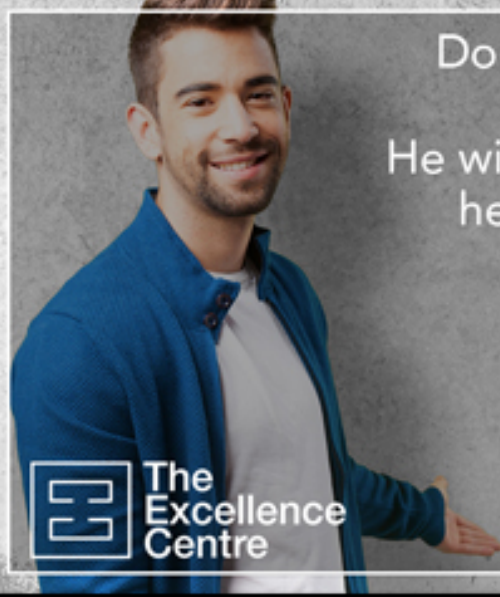
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in his work?
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obscure men.

Proverbs 22:29 (ESV)



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