

Litany of Fortitude for Teachers

When I am beyond tired after the school day,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to repay sass with snark,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to judge my students uncharitably,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to ignore the quieter students,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to avoid disciplining as I ought,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to avoid difficult, yet formative conversations,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to not be emotionally attentive or avoid eye contact,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to be negative and not joyful,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to avoid reaching out to students who are struggling
academically or emotionally,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to skip intercessory prayers for my students,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to drown out the Holy Spirit's "inconvenient" voice
of direction,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to talk over their heads because it is easier,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

When I am tempted to ignore the work it takes to effectively evangelize,
Give me strength, O Jesus.

Lord, teach me to see Your face in each one of my students.

Lord, teach me to learn from my students.

Lord, teach me to love my students.

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