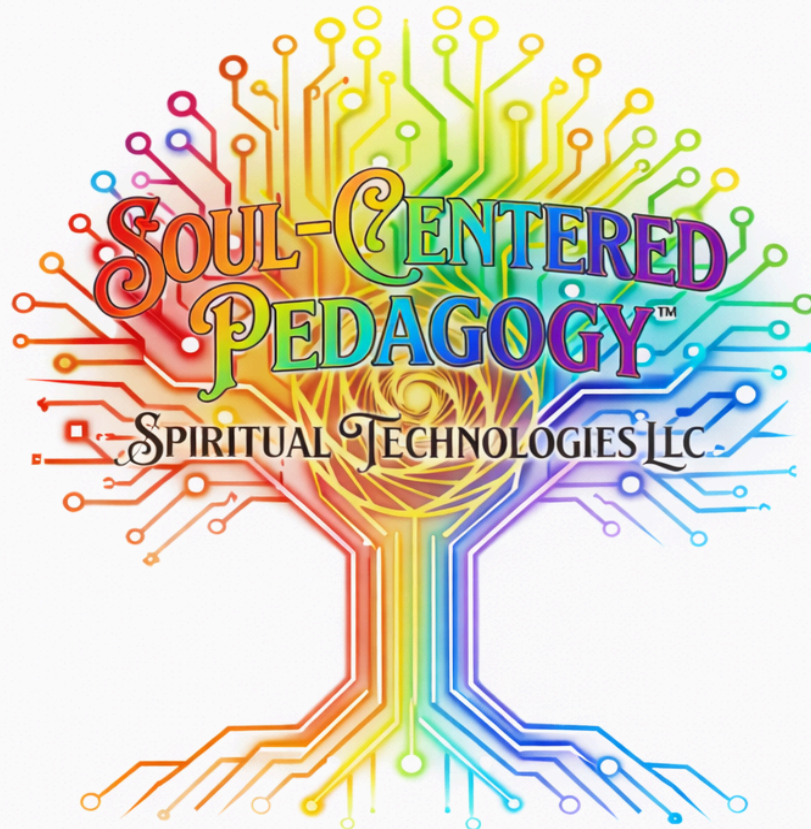


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HOPE · COURAGE · LOVE

Teacher Leadership, Literacy, and Life Sustainability

Purpose of This Packet

This packet is designed for teachers and students because learning, leadership, and character development are lifelong.

It offers a shared language for:

- Leading self before leading others
- Building strong learning communities
- Developing literacy for life, meaning, and sustainability

Teacher Leadership and Classroom Management

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A Foundational Mindset for Teacher Leaders

- Be a source of encouragement not fear
- Praise effort, growth, and positive choices
- Reinforce what *is* working

At the same time, effective leadership includes **tough love**.

- Accountability is not punishment—it is care
- Clear boundaries teach responsibility
- Consistency builds trust

Encouragement builds connection.
Accountability builds character.
Both are acts of love.

A Core Truth About Leadership

Effective leaders have **clear expectations**.

When students are confused or unclear about expectations, behavioral disruptions increase—not because students are defiant, but because uncertainty creates instability.

Strong classroom culture takes *patience, persistence, and consistency*.

Clear structure builds trust.
Trust creates freedom.
Freedom allows learning to flourish.

The Five Elements of Literacy

Life Sustainability · Meaning · Money

What Literacy Really Is

Literacy is the way we **make meaning**—and the way we **make a living**.

It shapes how we:

- understand ourselves and the world
- communicate ideas and value
- solve problems
- earn income to support ourselves and our families

Literacy is not just an academic skill set.

It is a **life skill set**.

Strong literacy skills increase the likelihood of:

- meaningful work
- financial stability
- peace and health
- strong character
- long-term well-being

Literacy supports **life sustainability**, dignity, and agency.

The Five Elements of Literacy

Reading

Understanding texts, people, situations, and the world.

Writing

Making thinking visible; organizing ideas, plans, and stories.

Active Listening

Attending to others, information, and one's inner voice.

Coherent Speaking

Expressing ideas clearly, respectfully, and with purpose.

Interpreting Images

Making meaning from visuals, symbols, media, and context.

When students are engaging in all five, **literacy is already happening.**

HOPE · COURAGE · LOVE Alignment**HOPE**

Literacy helps students imagine possibilities, futures, and pathways forward.

COURAGE

Literacy gives students the tools to speak up, advocate, problem-solve, and take action.

LOVE

Literacy strengthens relationships—understanding self, others, and community with empathy and care.

Espoir Reflection

Literacy is not preparation for life.

Literacy is life.