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Since his childhood, Booker T. Washington had ideals to elevate his dignity and help other people especially the black to elevate their dignity through education. At the time he also dreamed to be able to speak to the world about his struggle. Through his life, he struggled hard to realize them. At first, in order to help the others, he had to help himself to achieve dignity. He thought that the best way to realize it was through education so that he had high ambition concerning with it. He had tried hard to get it and did not let any thing or any one prevent him from that will. Even his *ascribed status* could not stop him. His ambition in education then brought him to be a student of Hampton Institute in which he got many valuable lessons that would be important and influenced him in his way of teaching the other black people.

After he succeeded to gain education for himself, he dedicated his life to educate black people in order to help them to gain their dignity and betterment of their life. In his effort to help the other people he encountered many difficulties that could prevent him to the realization but he kept in his way since it was what he wanted and made him happy. As a human he needed to actualize himself and he found it in teaching the other people. Before he satisfied this need, he had satisfied the lower need such as physiology, safety, social, and esteem need. Especially the esteem need he satisfied it through his two struggles above and his struggle to elevate black people's dignity through public speaking.

In education, he emphasized on Industrial and agricultural training. Instead of that he also made some improvement in moral character and spiritual life of his students. He applied this educational system because he thought that it was the best education for blacks. He observed the real life of black that at the time most of them lacked of education and skill. From

the observation then he concluded that education from books only was not enough for them, they needed more than it that could bring them to the elevation of their dignity and life. To make his work achieved large degree of the blacks society, he emphasized his students to be able to apply what they had already got from Tuskegee so that they did not only succeed to make their life better and elevate their dignity but they could also help the other black people to have the same achievement. With his industrial and agricultural training as well as betterment in moral character and religious life, many of his students became useful and respectable men and women in their society. They succeeded to give many contributions to the development of blacks and the cultivation of friendly relation between two races; black and white.

Education was not only his way to struggle, in order to gain success what he struggled, he became a spokesman of his race, the career that he never planned before. He spoke to the world about everything in connection with blacks' advancement and the struggle to help the black. Through his work he could spread the idea to elevate human dignity and life and give idea to struggle it together or just only gave help and sympathy.

His hard struggle showed good result. He could gain his dignity and help the other black people to gain theirs. Not only that he could also lift his life and the others to higher and better life and made good and friendly relation between blacks and whites. And under his guidance most of his students became useful men and women for their society after they graduated from Tuskegee and dedicated their life to other people. The achievements that he got placed him in honorable and respectable position in his society either black or white and made him to be one of the famous people in America at the time. All of what he had accomplished made him satisfy and happy because he could help the other people, gain his ideal as well as his achieved status, and satisfied his needs as human being.

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