

## Aren't you tired by the daily news?

Local news sounds more like a criminal report. National news bounces between Russia's investigation, Syria's bombing, misbehavior of the President in his previous life, and revelations of the new Comey's book. Over and over. It feels like we should turn off the TV and perhaps read?

Before making any conclusions, I decided to actually read the new Comey's book. Non-fiction and biographies are my favorite type of reading and I enjoy learning new facts about strong leadership. However, this is not what drew my attention. The book goes back to many historical events directly from the author's past, even childhood. And there is a part of the story related to a decision of this man, a very young and smart man at that time, on his further education after college graduation. Initially, prepared to pursue pre-medical and medical science and attend medical school, he changed his mind and went to law school, mostly due to some very drastic personal events and experiences with facing criminal assault. And what he says is remarkable: he realized that his further education and work would do more public good in law enforcement. He simply felt he could have been more productive, needed and, helpful to the society by pursuing law school.

How many young people these days think about where and how they can serve others better? Do we even discuss public service and serving others in any decision-making processes about our future? I do not think it happens too often.

I do not want to sound old and out of line but many young people make decisions about their schools and education based on economic view and financial gain only.

And it applies to all kinds of professions and occupations. It seems like we lost perspective of looking at our



daily work as predestination and social purpose.

I strongly believe that doctors and other medical professionals must consider their jobs to be a service to others first rather than money-making machines. While making money is not a sin, being a doctor means much more than economic and social position. When deciding to attend medical school, we must focus on personal and professional development and dedication to the bigger cause: medical service to those who suffer, are sick, and need assistance and attention.

I welcome some medical students as a perceptor in my clinic. When teaching them practical skills and diagnosis, I want them to be exposed to a wide variety of my patients, with diversity of age, skin color, educational level, and more. I want my students to remember that they will be delivering life-changing decisions in the future. And I want them to always remember that, by deciding to attend medical school, they signed up for a life-long service to others and they must be sure that this is where their knowledge and skills will be the most effective gift to the society.

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