

# 1 *The Most Important Profession*

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*Great teachers are made  
one student at a time.*

*—Todd Whitaker*



***Those who love the young best stay young longest.***

**—Edgar Friedenberg**



***My heart is singing for joy this morning. A miracle has happened! The light of understanding has shone upon my little pupil's mind, and, behold, all things are changed.***

**—Anne Sullivan**



***Those who can, teach; those who can't, go into some other much less significant line of work.***

**—Todd Whitaker**



***In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years.***

**—Jacques Barzun**



***Teaching is the essential profession, the one that makes all professions possible.***

**—David Haselkorn**



***We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.***

**—Winston Churchill**



***You must learn, you can learn, you will learn. The fact that you have not yet learned means that I have not yet found the way to explain the subject so simply, so clearly, and so exactly that it is impossible for you not to understand. But I will find the way. I will not quit on you.***

**—Author unknown**



***Teaching matters.***

**—Todd Whitaker**



***To the world you might be just one person;  
but to just one person, you might be the  
world.***

**—Author unknown**



***A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell  
where his influence stops.***

**—Henry Brooke Adams**



***The greatest use of a life is to spend it for  
something that will outlast it.***

**—William James**



***I touch the future, I teach.***

**—Christa McAuliffe**



**There is a giant asleep within every man.  
When the giant awakes, miracles happen.**

**—Frederick Faust**



***A good teacher has a love of teaching. A  
great teacher has a love of learning.***

**—Todd Whitaker**



***At the desk where I sit, I have learned one  
great truth. The answer for all our national  
problems—the answer for all the problems  
of the world—comes to a single word. That  
word is education.***

**—Lyndon B. Johnson**



***I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.***

**—Robert Frost**



***I know of no great man except those who  
have rendered great services to the human  
race.***

**—Voltaire**



***The best and most beautiful things in the  
world cannot be seen or even touched. They  
must be felt within the heart.***

**—Helen Keller**



***This may be my 28th year teaching 6th grade, but it is the only year that my students are in 6th grade. I have to make it the best year yet!***

**—Jean Rackers**



***Good teaching is a good deed.***

**—Author unknown**



***Teaching should be such that what is offered is perceived as a valuable gift and not as a hard duty.***

**—Albert Einstein**



***What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.***

**—Albert Pike**



***It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.***

**—Ralph Waldo Emerson**



***If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.***

**—Derek Bok**



***I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.***

**—Albert Schweitzer**



***Service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time.***

**—Marian Wright Edelman**



***When teachers reflect on their careers, they will be proudest of the moments when they taught with love.***

**—Todd Whitaker**



***Teachers, who educate children, deserve more honor than parents, who merely gave them birth; for the latter provided mere life, while the former ensure a good life.***

**—Aristotle**



***Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition.***

**—Jacques Barzun**



***I don't think great teachers make a difference. I know it.***

**—Todd Whitaker**



***The intelligent have a right over the ignorant; namely, the right of instructing them.***

**—Ralph Waldo Emerson**



***Teacher: the child's third parent.***

**—Hyman Berston**



***Don't use your students to build a great teaching career; use your teaching career to build great students.***

**—Todd Whitaker**



***I have somewhere met with the epitaph of a charitable man which has pleased me very much. I cannot recollect the words, but here is the sense of it: "What I spent I lost; what I possessed is left to others; what I gave away remains with me."***

**—Joseph Addison**



***What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth.***

**—Cicero**



***Success in any profession starts with a focus on self. After all, we are the one variable that we can most easily and most productively influence.***

**—Todd Whitaker**



# ***Echoes***

## ***Real Quotes from Real Students***

- ♦ ***I really want to be a teacher because you can really make a difference and still be cool.***
- ♦ ***My favorite things about school are the teachers, boys, and the other teachers.***
- ♦ ***I want to be a theater teacher for high school students. That way I can inspire those who need inspirations.***
- ♦ ***Yes, being a teacher changes lives! No other people have such an impact on my life as my teachers do.***