

## **What is a Teacher?**

To the empty pitcher, a well.

To the fallow mind, a planter of seeds.

To a mind of flint, iron, and striker of sparks.

To the developed mind, a colleague, listener, and friend

To the cluttered mind, a gardener to weed, shape, and clear a space for growing.

To all and from all, a learner, a person--and a prism through which the ordinary reveals itself to be miraculous.

To all, a mirror that shows not only the self but the path and its choices, the task and its demands--the difficulties, the joys

To the lens, a light, and to the mind of light, a lens that makes the picture clear

To the sleeper, the wake-up call of birds at sunrise – a new day dawns

To clay, the potter, sculptor, and trainer in self-shaping.

To the wanderer, a knowing guiding light

To a child, the imprint of destiny

**T** *The law of the teacher:* Stop growing today and you stop teaching tomorrow

**E** *The law of education:* How people learn best determines how you teach

**A** *The law of activity:* Maximum learning is always the result of maximum involvement

**C** *The law of communication:* To truly impart concepts and skills, bridges need to be built

**H** *The law of the heart:* Teaching that impacts is not head to head, but heart to heart

**E** *The law of encouragement:* Teaching is most effective when the learner is motivated and encouraged

**R** *The law of readiness:* Teaching/learning will be most efficient when both student and teacher are adequately prepared and prayerful.

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