

# I Am A Teacher

I was born the first moment that a question leaped from the *mouth of a child*. Throughout the course of a day I am called upon to be an actor, friend, nurse and doctor, coach, finder of lost articles, money lender, psychologist, substitute parent and a keeper of the *faith*. I am the most fortunate of all who labor.

I know that what I build with *love* and truth, will last forever. *I am privileged* to see that life is reborn each day with new questions, ideas and friendships. And who do I have to *thank* for this wonderful life I am so fortunate to experience? You, the public and the parents who entrust to me their greatest contribution to eternity, *their children*. I have wept for joy at the weddings of former students, laughed with glee at the birth of their children, and stood with head bowed in grief and confusion by graves dug too soon for bodies far too young. I have a past that is *rich in memories*, I have a present that is challenging and fun, because I am allowed to spend my days with the *future*.

I Am A *Teacher* And I Am  
Thankful For It Every Day.

by John Wayne Schlatter

