

MY TEACHER MATTERS

What you expect of me matters...

Because I will rise to the level you set for me, and I have many lofty goals to achieve.

What you think of me matters...

Because I will sense what is in your heart, and it will shape not only how I feel, but what I do.

What you say of me matters...

Because you are setting a tone, and leading my way. You are the voice I wasn't given to help others understand not just what I *have*, but *who* I am.

What you accept about me matters...

Because if you meet me where I am, and embrace me for what I have to offer, together we can shoot for the moon and at least find the stars.

What you do for me matters...

Because when you offer me not just your time, but your devotion, and not just your attention, but your passion, you are not just fulfilling your duty, but rather answering a calling.

What potential you see in me matters...

Because if you can envision my wings, then I will learn to fly.

What investment you make in me matters...

Because if you dedicate yourself to making me stronger, it is not only me who will be bettered, but *you* will be, as well.

What connection you have with me matters...

Because if I know *you* care, then *I* will care. You will reach me, and I will grow.

What attitude you have about me matters...

Because if I am seen as a blessing instead of a burden, my world will be much brighter, and my achievements will be much greater.

What you believe about me matters...

Because if you see my strengths and not my weaknesses, there is no mountain we cannot climb.

What hope you have in me matters...

Because the dreams you hold for me are woven into every step of my journey, and when those dreams are big, so, too, are my accomplishments.

What ACTIONS YOU TAKE because of me matter...

Because you are not only my teacher, but my *advocate*. The role you take in my life helps dictate the very path down which I will travel. Your power can help open doors for me that now stand shut, raise standards for me that remain far too low, and redefine the boundaries in my life that will either hold me back or help me soar.

Yes, MY TEACHER MATTERS, AND SO DO I!

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