A teacher once contemplated on the real purpose of her profession. Is it for the sake of having a profession or for another reason? According to Tucker (2010) on an article entitled “The Main Purpose of Becoming a Teacher” said that people don’t usually become teachers for the money. Many teachers choose their career because they genuinely want to help student learns. It seems that the life of a teacher is more meaningful if the real cause of one’s existence is realized. In doing so, he/she realized that the teacher is:

**Server** - The teacher is doing an unselfish job. This is teaching the students from the heart and serving them to the fullest. The teacher’s task is to influence the lives of these young people and to equip them with the necessary skills and competencies. The teacher does all the possible means to make teaching more effective to the students.

**Carver** - The teacher is in the process of shaping one’s character. The teacher imparts great values that are influencing the character of every student. One of the teacher’s purposes is to make a difference in every learner to develop a good-natured character involving traits that are favorable and likeable. One big accomplishment of a teacher is to mold an individual with good character.

**Director** - The teacher is anticipated in directing an individual path. There are times that the students seem misguided and do not focus on their studies. This is the time that the teacher intervenes to give advice and suggestions for these young people to consider. A teacher should guide his students to inspire and to make a difference in their lives. The teacher is tasked to do this mission.

**Contributor** - The teacher is contributing to society. He/she imparts knowledge, skills, values and how to survive in the challenges in life. The teacher raises the students to make them
competitive and productive globally. Teachers create professions that lead to nation-building. This is one way of sharing a contribution to society. It is a great cause to educate and prepare the youth to be professionals someday.

Lender - The teacher lends a helping hand. He/she attends to the needs and problems of the students. The teacher most of the time should help those students who experience stress and confusion in the school. The good thing is that there is someone who attends to the emotional needs of the learners.

Model - The teacher is raising standards in teaching. He/she executes the best practices in the profession thereby achieving excellence in work and instructions. He/she meets the standards for the sake of the learners. He/she sets a good example in terms of appearance, behavior, and action in doing so, learners aspire to aim for excellence at all times.

Motivator - The teacher is motivating young achievers. The teacher kindles the interest and passion of these young learners in pursuing their dreams and goals not only in school but also in life. He/she arouses the enthusiasm of the learners to catch student’s attention. He/she motivates the learner throughout the learning process to attain the expected outcomes.

A teacher has the great causes to fulfill and these are for the advantage of the students in the school. A Teacher should play the different roles, inspires, educates and make a difference in the student’s lives and to the society. Living a teacher’s life with purpose and reason is worthwhile and teachers should consider it as an indispensable component of the teaching profession. Indeed, the life of a teacher should be purposeful. Remember to live with great causes.

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