



I have come to a frightening conclusion.

I am the decisive element in the classroom.

*It is my personal approach that creates the climate.*

*It is my daily mood that makes the weather.*

As a teacher I possess tremendous power to make

a child's life miserable or **Joyous**. I can be a tool of torture or

*an instrument of inspiration.* I can humiliate or humor;

hurt or heal.

In all situations it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated, and a child **humanized** or de-humanized.

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