

A Precious Calling

Whatever your job may be in Life Care, Century Park of Life Care at Home, do you consider it to be a calling from God?

John Wilbur Chapman (1859 – 1918) was a Presbyterian evangelist in the late 19th century. Chapman took on several pastorates before shifting to the evangelistic circuit. He began preaching with the legendary Dwight L. Moody in 1893, as well as leading many evangelistic events of his own. Among Chapman's disciples on the evangelistic circuit was baseball-player-turned-preacher Billy Sunday.

Writing in *Present Day Parables*, Chapman said, "There is a definite and proper end and issue for every man's (or woman's) existence, an end which to the heart of God is the good intended for him, or for which he was intended; that which he is privileged to become, called to become, ought to become; that which God will assist him to become, and which he cannot miss save by his own fault. Every human soul has a complete and perfect plan cherished for it in the heart of God – a divine biography marked out, which it enters into life to live."

In the precious few quiet moments available to us, this is a truth worthy of meditation.

Chapman added: "This is a great thought, and one that gives life – to each and every life, the smallest, the obscurest – a sacred dignity and importance. Nothing can be trivial or common which the great God thinks about, plans and creates. The lowliest place in this world, to the person whom God made to occupy that place, is a position of rank and honor glorious as an angel's seat, because it is one which God formed an immortal being in His own image and with immeasurable possibilities to fill."

On the same subject, George MacDonald (1824 – 1905), a Scottish author, poet and Christian minister, who inspired many authors, including C.S. Lewis and Mark Twain, observed: "I would rather be what God chose to make me than the most glorious creature that I could think of; for to have been thought about, born in God's thought, and then made by God, is the dearest, grandest, and most precious thing in all thinking."

So, if you are ever inclined to believe that your labors are unimportant or unappreciated, think again. Your life and your calling are grand and precious in the sight of God; they are anything but small with Him.

– Beecher Hunter