

A Precious Stone

A monk who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day, he met another traveler who was hungry, and the monk opened his bag to share his food.

The hungry traveler saw the precious stone in the monk's bag, admired it, and asked the monk to give it to him. The monk did so without hesitation.

The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the jewel was worth enough to give him security for the rest of his life.

But a few days later, he came back searching for the monk. When he found him, he returned the stone and said, "I have been thinking. I know how valuable this stone is, but I give it back to you in the hope that you can give me something much more precious. If you can, give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

What a remarkable story of selflessness and generosity! Such an action and desire are rare in this world. But not in the centers of Life Care and Century Park and in the work of Life Care at Home. Everyday, associates give willingly of themselves – oftentimes beyond their means – for the sake of those they serve. They put the welfare of others as their highest priority.

In the process, they are laying up treasures in heaven.

--Beecher Hunter