

## *A Search by the King*

In ancient times, a king decided to find and honor the greatest person among his subjects. A man of wealth and property was singled out. Another was praised for his healing powers; another for his wisdom and knowledge of the law. Still another was lauded for his business acumen.

Many other successful people were brought back to the palace, and it became evident that the task of choosing the greatest would be difficult.

Finally, the last candidate stood before the king. It was a woman. Her hair was white. Her eyes shone with the light of knowledge, understanding and love.

“Who is this?” asked the king. “What has she done?”

“You have seen and heard all the others,” said the king’s aide. “This is their teacher.”

The people applauded and the king came down from his throne to honor her.

The point of this story is this: We who are leaders in Life Care have many responsibilities. Chief among them, however, is the obligation we have to develop, to mentor, those who report to us – not only in the skills we impart to them, but in the personal example we set for them.

At the end of our careers, if we are faithful and humble in doing so, we can take great satisfaction from those who may learn from us.

--Beecher Hunter