

A Taste of Heaven

A Christian businessman heard his pastor tell about a widow who had been evicted from her home because she had no money to pay the rent. Her furniture was piled up on the lawn. She didn't know where she would go or what she would do. The pastor said that if someone would help her, he would have "a foretaste of heaven."

The businessman went to the home to see what he could do. He returned to church that evening and said, "I have just been in heaven. I went to see that widow, paid her back rent, helped her move her belongings into the house again, and stocked her cupboards with food. It is the most joy I have experienced in many years."

Everyday, in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, our associates have the opportunity to experience "a foretaste of heaven" because of the kind and unselfish acts they perform for our residents. The joy and gratitude they see on the faces of the people they serve bring peace and contentment that are unmatched by anything else.

James 1:27 relates: Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble.

When I visit in our centers, I am always inspired by the sacrifices of time, energy and, often, personal resources of our associates as they meet the needs of those entrusted to them.

--Beecher Hunter