

About That Garden

In his book *First Things First: To Live, To Learn, To Leave a Legacy*, Roger Merrill tells of a businessman named Fred who was moving into a new house.

Fred decided to hire a friend of his to landscape his grounds. This friend had a doctorate in horticulture. She was extremely knowledgeable, extremely bright.

Well, Fred had a great vision for his grounds, but he was extremely busy. He traveled a lot, and so he kept emphasizing to his friend the need to create a garden in such a way that it would require very, very little maintenance on his part.

He said that automatic sprinklers were an absolute necessity, and he was always on the lookout for labor-saving devices and other ways of cutting time.



Finally, his friend said to him, “Fred, I can see what you’re saying, but there’s one thing you need to deal with before we go any further. If there is no gardener, Fred, there is no garden.”

Sometimes, it’s easy to keep offering our opinions to those who are more uniquely talented and educated to deal with the issues at hand.

It is, it seems, a human frailty.

– Beecher Hunter