

# All Work Has Dignity

CNN reported that Geoffrey Owens “found a silver lining after being thrust into the spotlight for simply doing his job.”

Owens, who played Elvin Tibideaux on *The Cosby Show* was photographed bagging groceries at a New Jersey Trader Joe’s.



“I got to the point that I needed to take a job to pay my bills, to support my family; it was basically that,” Owens said. Owens’ income took a hit after reruns of *The Cosby Show* were pulled due to Cosby’s conviction of sexual assault last spring.

“I lost a lot of money from that,” Owens said. “I don’t feel sorry for myself about that. But the fact is that was another contributing factor, along with everything else everyone has to deal with – medical bills, car issues, kids in college, you name it.



“What I hope continues to resonate is the idea that one job is not better than another,” Owens said. “A certain job might pay more, it might have better benefits, it might look better on paper, but that essentially one kind of work isn’t better than another kind of work, that we reevaluate that whole idea and we start honoring the dignity of work and the dignity of the working person.”

Well said, Geoffrey Owens.

God created each of us with a purpose in mind, and He gave us the talent to accomplish His plans. And that’s the beauty of our mission in Life Care and Century Park. When we pool all the necessary abilities of our associates in the work we are called to do, our goals of care and service can be accomplished with great outcomes.

Scripture reminds us of the dignity of work and the dignity of the working person.

In the very first book of the Bible, Genesis, we read: *The Lord took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it* (Genesis 2:15).

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, writes: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters* (Colossians 3:23 NIV).

– Beecher Hunter