

Back to the Throne

In the Eleventh Century, King Henry III of Bavaria grew tired of court life and the pressures of being a monarch. He made application to Prior Richard at a local monastery, asking to be accepted as a contemplative and spend the rest of his life in the monastery.

"Your Majesty," said Prior Richard, "do you understand that the pledge here is one of obedience? That will be hard because you have been a king."

"I understand," said Henry. "The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you."

"Then I will tell you what to do," said Prior Richard. "Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you."

When King Henry died, a statement was written: "The king learned to rule by being obedient."

Do you occasionally feel tired of your role and responsibility in Life Care, American Lifestyles or Life Care at Home? Does a position in another line of work sometimes tempt you, because it appears to have less stress and an easier pace?

If so, just remember that God has prepared you for what you do. To begin with, He created you with the abilities that you possess, and He has brought you on a journey of life experiences that qualify you for what you do. Then God planted you in a certain place and told you to be a good executive director, general manager, director of nursing, activities director, housekeeping supervisor, etc. -- as well as a mother or father.

He expects us to be faithful where He puts us.

--Beecher Hunter