

Building for Eternity

The late Lorado Taft, one of America's great artists, often said that a real work of art must have in it "a hint of eternity." The writer of Ecclesiastes says that God has not only made everything beautiful, but He also has set eternity in the hearts of people (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

When we do a piece of good work, whether it is part of our vocation or not, we may find in it a hint of eternity, the abiding value that outlasts silver or gold.

Daniel Webster, one of this country's most famous statesmen, once said: "If we work on marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work on immortal souls and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity."

At the top of one of the magnificent stairways in the Library of Congress, this inscription appears on the wall: "Too low they build who build beneath the stars."

In the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles and in the work of Life Care at Home, our associates have learned how to build for eternity in the everyday interaction with our residents. The physical, spiritual and emotional enrichment they bring to residents and their families results in "laying up treasures in heaven."

--Beecher Hunter