

## Busy But Polite

Theodore Roosevelt, a former president of the United States, has been described as founder of the Bull Moose Party, the man who led his troops up San Juan Hill in the Spanish-American War, a big-game hunter, family man, civic servant and a host of other accomplishments.

His life story would indicate that he was not only an extraordinarily successful man, but surely one of the busiest and best-organized ever. In his book, *Something Else to Smile About*, author and motivational speaker Zig Ziglar says of Roosevelt:

*With all of his "busy-ness," even during campaign trips, when the demands on his time were the greatest, (Roosevelt) still retained some of those human qualities that made him so successful. Simple example: He never forgot to thank others who did things for him. On his whistle-stop tours during his campaign trips, he always left his private car to thank the engineer and fireman for a safe and comfortable trip. True, it took only a few minutes of his time, but when your minutes are so few, they are quite important. However, he felt that those minutes were well invested and he enjoyed meeting the people who had served him so well. In the process, he made friends for life.*

*Doing simple little things, thinking of the other person, endeared him to people all across America, which certainly was a significant reward for the few minutes it took him to say thank you. Someone once said that you could always tell a "big man" by the way he treated a "little man." By that yardstick alone, you would have to agree that Theodore Roosevelt was a "big man."*

Zig Ziglar is right. As you go through your day today in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, take time to be kind, smile and say "thank you." The returns, you will discover, can be great.

--Beecher Hunter