

Changing a Tire

Recently, I read the story of a man who was running late as he drove to a job interview. Ahead, he saw a woman by the side of the road, struggling to change a flat tire. He thought about driving on by, but he pulled over and changed the tire for her.

When he was finished, he continued to the interview, but by now he was going to be quite late. He was certain that his tardiness would drastically reduce his chances of being hired.

He went into the office for his appointment, completed an application form, and hurried to the interview with the personnel director. She glanced at his application and hired him on the spot.

She was the person whose flat tire had been changed by the applicant.

We may not always benefit so directly and immediately from performing simple acts of kindness and consideration, but we can bless others by doing them.

That's why it is recommended within Life Care – whenever a person is being considered for a position in the company – to visit the candidate's workplace, as appropriate, to observe his or her interaction with residents and staff.

- Does he or she know the names of residents and associates, and information about their families?
- Is there good rapport between that individual and the customers or staff being encountered, which would indicate that there have been acts of kindness or friendship demonstrated previously?
- Is a level of respect for the candidate obvious in a tour around the building, which would be another key to positive interactions previously?

In the Bible, the Book of Ezekiel emphasizes that all people, regardless of their status, are accountable for how they relate to others and treat them.

The Apostle Paul also addressed this subject. He said, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3-4)

When that is done, the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles, and the work of Life Care at Home, will function like a well-oiled machine – efficiently and productively.

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