

Digging Those Ditches

A man once approached a construction site and noticed three men shoveling dirt out of a long ditch.

He asked the first man what he was doing. The man sneered back with a surely-you-can-figure-it-out-yourself attitude, "Digging a ditch."

He walked on to the next man and asked the same question. The reply was only slightly more kind, "I'm makin' a living. Just makin' a living. Gotta feed the wife and kids, you know."

When he asked the third man what he was doing, the man said with a great deal of positive energy and pride, "Sir, I am creating part of a masterful set of irrigation channels that are going to turn this dry ol' valley into a garden rich with produce to feed the world's hungry!"



The story is instructive for all of us. We should look beyond the seemingly meaningless chores and minor failures of today and see a bigger picture – ultimately, one that serves others.

In Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, our calling is to serve others. We must realize that the necessary tasks – whether it is mopping a floor or clearing the dishes from a dining room table – all contribute to the successful achievement of the mission.

You will find greater satisfaction in the daily grind if you see yourself as making jewels for the Lord's crown, rather than simply polishing rocks.

– Beecher Hunter