

## Gift of a Wallet

In his book, *I Was Wrong*, former PTL president and television personality Jim Bakker, who was sent to prison for fraud, writes:

"Not long after my release from prison, I joined Franklin Graham and his family at his parents' old log mountain home for dinner. Ruth Graham (Billy's wife) had prepared a full-course dinner. We talked and laughed and enjoyed a casual meal together like family.

"During our conversation, Ruth asked me a question that required an address. I reached into my back pocket and pulled out an envelope. My wallet had been taken when I went to prison. I had not owned a wallet for over four-and-a-half years.

"As I fumbled through the envelope, Ruth asked tenderly, 'Don't you have a wallet, Jim?'

"This is my wallet,' I replied.

"Ruth left the room, returning with one of Billy's wallets. 'Here is a brand-new wallet Billy has never used. I want you to have it,' she said.

"I still carry that wallet to this day. Over the years, I have met thousands of wonderful Christian men and women, but never anyone more humble, gracious and, in a word, 'real,' than Ruth Graham and her family."

That story contains a precious principle: Kindness does not have to be extravagant to mean a great deal to people. And I am proud to say that I witness that truth in the associates of Life Care, American Lifestyles and Life Care at Home as they go about their work.

--Beecher Hunter