

Golf, and the Proper Form

A father spent the afternoon with his daughter, age 3. An avid golfer, he practiced with his clubs in the yard while she played nearby.

As he prepared for each swing, he would look to his left to aim the shot, then back to his right to make sure the child was out of harm's way; only then would he take his shot.

Soon, he noticed that his daughter was also playing golf. She had taken a stick to use as a club, and he watched her as she set her "club," carefully looked left, then right, then took her shot. In her perception, proper golfing form required that you look both ways before you swing.

Whether we realize it or not, our example leaves an impression on others. In the 1800s, English minister Charles Spurgeon put it this way:

A man's life is always more forcible than his speech. When men take stock of him, they reckon his deeds as dollars and his words as pennies. If his life and doctrine disagree, the mass of onlookers accept his practice and reject his preaching.



When Jesus said, "You are the light of the world," He wasn't speaking only of our verbal witness. The most profound message we will ever send is the one we live on a day-to-day basis.

That principle is true not only in the parent-child relationship, but it is demonstrated daily as associates in Life Care observe their leaders, as well as one another.

And it's never more important than when we don't know anyone is watching because *Someone* (with a capital S) is always paying attention.

As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16).

– Beecher Hunter

