

How Will THE CHURCH BE LIGHTED?

Several centuries ago in a mountain village in Europe, a wealthy nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople.

He made a good decision. He chose to build them a church. No one was permitted to see the plans or the inside of the church until it was finished.

At its grand opening, the people gathered and marveled at the beauty of the new church. Everything had been thought of and included. It was a masterpiece.

But then someone said, "Wait a minute! Where are the lamps? It is really quite dark in here. How will the church be lighted?"

The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls, and then he gave each family a lamp, which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

"Each time you are here," the nobleman said, "the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, that place will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

That's a poignant story, isn't it? And it makes a very significant point about the importance of our commitment and loyalty to the church.

But that principle goes beyond the church and into the workplace. Do you fully understand the value of your job, whatever that may be in Life Care and Century Park, and how critical is its function in the overall operation of your center? For a facility to reach optimum performance, each and every associate must contribute at a high level.

The poet Edward Everett Hale, grand-nephew of Nathan Hale, an American spy during the Revolutionary War, put it like this:

*I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do something I can do.*

The question for each of us: How will the place where you work be lighted?

– Beecher Hunter