

How to View Your Job

In Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, how do we view our jobs? The more important question is: How *should* we view our jobs?

Sherry Brown, receptionist at Life Care Center of Plainwell, Mich., sent me a commentary on that subject by Robert H. Schuller, pastor, author and founder of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., published in *Living Positively One Day at a Time*.

“Exploitative love is another form of imperfect love,” Schuller said. “It produces a variety of fears of different levels. It is seen in the professional who loves a client because he represents a very important account.”

He quotes Dr. William Havender, a prominent ophthalmologist, who once gave the following illustration to a group of graduating medical students:

“Three stone workers, depending upon their viewpoint, look upon their job in different ways. One worker sees his job as carrying stones; another sees it as building a wall; the third sees his job as creating a cathedral to the glory of God.



“As doctors, you have the same attitude,” Dr. Havender continued. “If you see your job as carrying stones, you will then see your patients as complaining crocks, indigent invalids, sick scoundrels and poor protoplasm. A second attitude is you can see your work as the futile patching up of worn-out bodies. But if you believe that there is a God and every human being is one of His unique and special creatures, then you will look upon each person as a cathedral.”

That description has special application to us, because we are a health care company, and we are entrusted with God’s frail and infirm children.

So the question for today is: How are you loving those around you today? Is it in an exploitive way? If so, with God’s help, begin to make changes. Learn the joy of perfect love.

– Beecher Hunter