

# Leap of the Squirrel

A young businesswoman, confused about her future, sat in a park, watching squirrels scamper among the trees. Suddenly, a squirrel leaped from one high tree branch toward another quite a distance away. To the woman, the leap seemed suicidal. And, just as the woman feared, the squirrel missed the branch it was aiming for, but landed safely on a branch several feet below.

A man sitting on a nearby bench remarked, "I've seen many squirrels miss their branches, but I've never seen any get hurt trying." He chuckled, and added, "I guess they have to risk something if they don't want to spend their whole lives in the same old tree."

The woman contemplated the man's words. "A squirrel takes its chances," she thought. "Do I have less nerve than a squirrel? Am I nuts?"

At that moment, she made up her mind to take the career risk she had been considering. Later, she landed safely, ultimately climbing to a higher position than she had even dared to imagine.

What are your career dreams? As you consider your goals in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, do they seem out of reach? Some of Life Care's leaders, for example, began their careers as certified nursing assistants, and kept desiring more responsibility.

Don't be afraid to take a leap of faith now and then. If you miss, God will catch you.

*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).*

--Beecher Hunter