

Life-Changing Incident

Can one incident change us forever? You bet it can! Author and motivational speaker Zig Ziglar shares this story in his book, *Something to Smile About*.

A rich boy and a poor boy lived in the same neighborhood. The rich boy wore nice clothes, lived in a nice house, and had plenty of good, nutritious food to eat. The poor boy lived in a cheap house, wore ragged clothes, and did not have much of anything to eat.

One day, the boys got into a scuffle. In the struggle, the rich boy won. The poor boy got up, dusted himself off, and told the rich kid that if he had the proper food to eat, as the rich boy did, he would have won. Then the poor boy turned and walked away.

The rich kid just stood there. He was numbed by what the poor boy said. His heart was broken because he knew that it was true.



The rich boy never forgot that experience. From that day on, he revolted against any favored treatment because he was rich. He made it a point to wear inexpensive clothing; he intentionally endured the hardships faced by people who were poor. His family was often embarrassed by the way he dressed, but despite family pressure, the young boy never again took advantage of his wealth.

History omits the name of the poor boy, but the rich boy who developed such compassion for poor people made them his life's work. His name is recorded in history. He dedicated his life to service and became a world-class physician, serving in Africa. His name was Albert Schweitzer.

It is not suggested that we all be as selfless as Schweitzer, but it behooves us all to be in tune with the thinking and feelings of others.

And that is why I believe the career chosen by the associates of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home to be so noble.

– Beecher Hunter