

# Making God Smile

Ken Crockett, in his book *Making Today Count for Eternity*, shares the story of Kent and Barbara Hughes and their experience with their children one Christmas season.

Their daughter, Holly, had landed the lead role in her school's Christmas program. It was a challenging role which she performed brilliantly to the applause of both her parents and audience.

Their son, who struggled with significant learning disabilities, was given a very minor role – just four lines – in the program of his class.

In the weeks leading up to the programs, the entire family, including the daughter who had her own script full of lines to learn, had to take every opportunity to help the young boy work on his lines. Try as he might, he just wasn't able to memorize the four short lines.

When the night of the program came, the young boy took a deep breath and delivered his lines without faltering.

With whom were the parents more pleased? The daughter who had many lines and a starring role, or the son who had few lines and a minor part? Obviously, they were equally pleased with the efforts of both their children.



What's the lesson for us?

We must all manage our talents until the Master returns. Just acknowledge these truths:

- **We don't all have the same ability** – talents and skills.
- **We don't all have the same responsibility** – duties or obligations.
- **But we do all have the same accountability.** We must all answer to God for how we use our abilities to fulfill our responsibilities. That puts us all on a level playing field.

God created each of us for a purpose, and equipped us with what we need to accomplish it.

The beauty of His plan for us in Life Care and Century Park is that when we come together, pooling these different talents, we are so much more able to serve those entrusted to us in the optimum way.

And that causes God to smile.

*So then each of us shall give account of himself to God* (Romans 14:12 NKJV).