Our Rich Reward

As Christians, we should not display a "cash and carry" attitude of expecting immediate appreciation for the good we may do. God wants us to remember that someday He, Himself, will richly reward us.

A newspaper article reminds of the kind of "delayed returns" we should be living for. It told of a car dealer who went out of his way to give a foreign student an honest deal on a new automobile. Fifteen years later, the young man had become the sole purchasing agent for the Iranian Contractors Association. He showed his gratitude for the kindness he had received by placing a multimillion-dollar order with that dealer for 750 heavy dump trucks and 350 pickups.

"It's unbelievable!" exclaimed the businessman. The good he had done was rewarded years later beyond his wildest imagination.

In Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we have the opportunity to do good to others every day. If we do it for the immediate thanks we receive, that's nice and appreciated. But if we do it for God as His representative, we are laying up treasures in heaven, as the Bible tells us. And the future return will be as sure and as generous as He is.

--Beecher Hunter