

Practicing Responsibility



Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, spent the years after his time in the Nazi concentration camps trying to give back to others.

One of the questions he asked young people was, “How will you cope with the privileges and obligations society will feel entitled to place on you?”

As he tried to guide them, he shared his sense of responsibility to others:

What I receive I must pass on to others. The knowledge that I have must not remain imprisoned in my brain. I owe it to many men and women to do something with it. I feel the need to pay back what was given to me. Call it gratitude. To learn means to accept the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been there before me, and I walk in their footsteps.

It is an interesting observation, pertinent for us in Life Care and Century Park, for we have the opportunity to serve those who have walked before us – men and women who have made our communities and our country better.

Practicing responsibility will do great things for you. It will strengthen your talent, advance your skills, and increase your opportunities. It will improve your quality of life during the day and help you to sleep better at night. But it will also improve the lives of the people around you.

If you want your life to be a magnificent story, blessing those you serve and those you lead, then realize that you are its author. Every day, you have the chance to write a new page in that story.

Fill those pages with responsibility to others and to yourself. If you do, in the end you will not be disappointed.

Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it (Ezra 10L4 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter