

Secret Of the Egg Money

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834 – 1892), a British Particular Baptist Preacher, has come to be known as the “Prince of Preachers,” and remains highly influential among Christians of various denominations today because of his writings.

He and his wife, Susannah, had a peculiar practice. They would not give away the eggs their chickens laid, but would sell them – even to close relatives.

As a result, some labeled the Spurgeons stingy and greedy. But when Mrs. Spurgeon died in 1903, it was revealed that the egg money had been used for years to support two elderly widows. The Spurgeons had endured the criticism in silence, knowing that time would validate their actions.



The story reinforces the truth that things are not always what they appear to be, and people are often wrongly judged because all the facts are not revealed. How easy it is for us to jump to conclusions when we may not know what we are talking about.

The practice of the Spurgeons also illustrates another principle: Good works, done in secret, bring their own reward. In a day when people and organizations rush to grab headlines or the spotlight for their charitable endeavors, such selflessness, privately done, is refreshing, indeed.

Another man’s crafty financial dealings brought him far less praise when they were revealed. Zacchaeus was a Jewish tax collector in league with the Romans and hated by his fellow Jews. Tax collectors grew wealthy by charging citizens more than was due and pocketing the excess.

But when Zacchaeus met Jesus, he immediately changed his ways. He confessed what he had done and purposed to pay back all he had stolen and more. Jesus validated Zacchaeus’ change of heart. “Today salvation has come to this house,” Jesus told him (Luke 19:9).

It’s good to talk about your salvation, but it’s even better to let your actions speak louder than your words. The world is waiting to meet Christians whose talk is drowned out by their walk.

And you can meet them in the centers of Life Care and Century Park – associates who see the needs of others and respond.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16 NKJV).