

Sophie the Scrubwoman

“Sophie the scrubwoman” daily scrubbed the steps of a large New York City building.

One day, a man stopped and said to her, “Sophie, I understand that you are a child of God.”

“Yes, sir,” Sophie replied. “I’m a child of the King!”

“Well, as a child of the King, do you believe that God recognizes you as a princess?”

Sophie beamed. “He certainly does!”



“Well, if God your Father is your King, and you are a princess, don’t you think it is beneath you to be found here in New York City scrubbing these dirty steps every day?”

Sophie continued to work as she said, “There’s no humiliation whatever. I’m not scrubbing these steps for my boss. I’m scrubbing them for Jesus Christ, my Savior. What He did for me was far greater than anything I can ever do for Him.”

As the man walked away, he heard Sophie say:

*I cannot work my soul to save
For that my Lord has done;
But I can work like any slave
For the love of God’s dear Son.*

Like Sophie, when we approach the jobs we are called to do in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home as being done unto the Lord, it puts a new motivation on our efforts.

The greatest among you will be your servant (Matthew 23:11 NRSV).

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