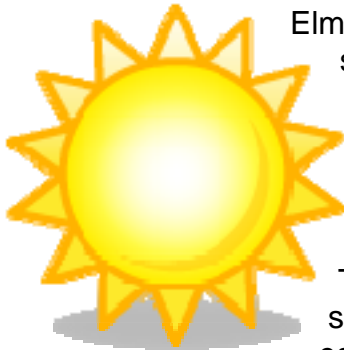


Sunshine and Showers

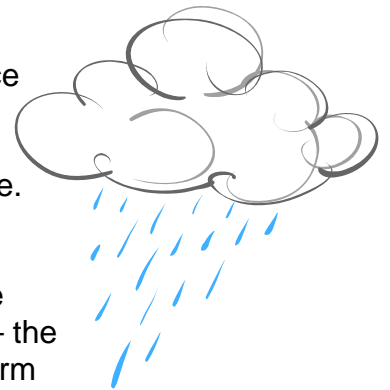
Almost everyone would rather have sunshine than showers.

Franklin Elmer Jr. described a region in Chile between the great Andes mountain range and the Pacific Ocean where that is actually true, where rain never falls. He wrote, "Morning after morning, the sun rises brilliantly over the tall mountains to the east; each noon it shines brightly down from overhead; evening brings a picturesque sunset. Although storms are often seen raging high in the mountains, and heavy fog banks are observed far out over the sea, the sun continues to shine on this favored and protected strip of land. One would imagine this area to be an earthly paradise; but it is not. Instead, it is a sterile and desolate desert! There are no streams of water, and nothing grows there."



Elmer made this application: "Too often we long for total sunshine and joy in life. We have wished to be rid of burdensome responsibilities. But, like this sunny, infertile part of Chile, life without its burdens and trials would not be creative, productive or challenging. We need sunshine and showers."

Take that advice to heart. All of us experience showers in our lives. We learn that at a very early age. And as we look back upon them, we can see how they helped shape our character and our resolve.



But the sunshine is important, too. As you go about your responsibilities in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home today, share your sunshine with those who may be in a shower – the radiance of a smile, the light-producing effect in the eyes of a warm touch, the day-brightening spell of laughter.

The power you possess is awesome!

– Beecher Hunter