

The Greatest in the Kingdom

There is a beautiful legend about a king who decided to set aside a special day to honor his greatest subject.

When the big day arrived, a large crowd had gathered in the palace courtyard. Four finalists were brought forward, and from these four, the king would select the winner.

The first person was a wealthy philanthropist. The king was told that this man was highly deserving of the honor because of his humanitarian efforts. He had given much of his wealth to the poor.

The second person was a celebrated physician. The king was told that this doctor was highly deserving of the honor because he had rendered faithful and dedicated service to the sick for many years.

The third person was a distinguished judge. The king was told that the judge was worthy because he was noted for his wisdom, his fairness and his brilliant decisions.

The fourth person presented was an elderly woman. Everyone was quite surprised to see her there, because her manner was quite humble, as was her dress. She hardly looked the part of someone who would be honored as the greatest subject in the kingdom. What chance could she possibly have, when compared to the other three, who had accomplished so much? Even so, there was something about her – the look of love in her face, the understanding in her eyes, her quiet confidence.

The king was intrigued, to say the least, and somewhat puzzled by her presence. He asked who she was.

The answer: “You see before you the philanthropist, the doctor and the judge. Well, she was their teacher!”

That woman had no wealth, no fortune and no title, but she had unselfishly given her life to produce great people. You see, there is nothing more powerful or more Christ-like than sacrificial love.

It is the kind of love that is demonstrated daily by the caregivers in Life Care and Century Park – men and women who have surrendered their lives to serving others.

You can see and know who they are by the look of love on their faces, the understanding in their eyes, their quiet confidence.

They – like that humble teacher in the king’s courtyard – make our world a much better place.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor
(Romans 12:10 ESV).

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