

The Homeless Shelter

A gentleman named Edmond once vowed that he and his family would *never* be homeless. But, a short time later, he lost his job, and then fire destroyed their home. Suddenly, they *were* homeless. Their only option was a shelter.

At the end of the first day there, Edmond's prayer was, "Lord, get me out of here." His attitude was extremely negative.

In his opinion, the shelter's rules were humiliating. Residents had to be escorted across the street to the mission hall for their meals. They had to attend a church that helped support the shelter. When residents found work, they were expected to put 70 percent of their paycheck in a savings fund toward the day when they could move out of the shelter.

After pouring out all his complaints to the shelter's director, Edmond had a restless night. He realized he had been focusing all his attention on getting out, rather than on what he might do to make things easier for his family. That night, he changed his attitude. He started by taking a glass of water to a coughing man in the next room.

Nine months later, Edmond and his family had a home again. But he didn't forget what he had learned. He still visits the shelter, saying, "Wherever you are, God is there, too."

Attitude, not circumstances, made the real difference in his life.

And as you approach your day in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, be certain that attitude, not circumstances, makes a real difference in your work, too.

– Beecher Hunter