

# THE REASON WE SERVE

Every person – no matter what the job – has a very important assignment within Life Care and Century Park.

No doubt, your reason for choosing such a career, made either consciously or subconsciously, was a desire to serve others. Great responsibility is laid upon our shoulders, and the work is not easy.

Dr. David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California, and author, addresses this subject in his book *Turning Points*. He tells the story of Josh McDowell, who has spoken to millions of university students worldwide and authored scores of books.

McDowell began his lifetime of service to Christ in a more humble fashion. His first assignment at the headquarters of Campus Crusade for Christ was scrubbing the main entryway floor. He wasn't meeting with the ministry's leaders; he was scrubbing up the dirt from their shoes.

"Biblically, Josh's introduction to ministry was the equivalent of the guy in the Old Testament who carried the tent pegs when they moved the tabernacle from place to place," Dr. Jeremiah said. "That is not exactly a high-profile task. Without a proper perspective on and motivation for ministry, it would be easy to get our feathers ruffled when given a lowly assignment."

So how do we stay motivated about serving God? Dr. Jeremiah asked. "By the promise that we will one day reap what we sow. God has promised to reward our faithful service at the judgment seat of Christ. If you are serving God, keep your heart focused on faithfulness instead of prominence.

"When it comes to our rewards, motive will be determined by how much of what we did was for Jesus' sake."

Dr. Jeremiah is right on point. Our calling – yours and mine – is to care for God's children, those frail and infirm men and women entrusted to us. Not only did He call us to the task, but He also equipped us.

Whatever you do today, no matter how routine it may seem or how much drudgery it entails, your work is significant in God's plan. He knows your name, and He applauds your service.

*And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:17 NIV).*

– Beecher Hunter