

The Value of Trifles

Michelangelo was once putting what appeared to be the finishing touches on a sculpture when a friend came by for a visit.

Days later, the friend dropped in again and was surprised to find the artist still working on the same statue. The statue looked the same to the friend as it had days earlier, so he said, "You haven't been working on this statue all this time, have you?"

"I have," Michelangelo replied. "I've been busy retouching this part, and polishing that part. I've softened this feature, and brought out that muscle. I've given more expression to the lips, and more energy to that arm."

"But all those things are so insignificant," said the friend. "They're mere trifles."

"That may be so," replied Michelangelo, "but trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."

And for the people served by Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, trifles can be most important. I'm glad that we have associates who understand that principle very well.

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