

Usefulness of the Umbrella

About 200 years ago in England, there lived a great humanitarian named Jonas Hanway. In his travels in foreign countries, he had discovered the usefulness of what was then the little-known umbrella. He decided to introduce it to England, believing it would be readily accepted.



Many people poked fun at him, however, and young boys often pelted him with cabbages and rotten eggs because they considered him peculiar. Hanway never let this stop him, even though he was ridiculed for 30 years as “the umbrella man.” Eventually, people recognized the worth of the umbrella, and today few would want to be without one.

A parallel for us in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home is that not everyone considers the profession we have chosen – serving, primarily, the elderly – to be the noble calling that we know it to be. Despite such notions, we value the personal rewards we receive from serving others.

A spiritual parallel is found in the perseverance and faithfulness of the apostle Paul. That “ambassador in chains” was kept in cruel Roman dungeons and endured terrible persecution; yet, he confidently declared that none of these things moved him. In spite of all opposition, he clung to the truth of the gospel, which the Lord had commissioned him to proclaim to the world.

Mark this down: Great endurance is essential to great achievement.

– Beecher Hunter