

Want this \$20 Bill?

A certain speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. "Who would like this \$20 bill?" he asked. Hands started going up throughout the audience.

The speaker continued, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first let me do this." He proceeded to crumple up the bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" The same hands went up in the air.

"Well," he replied, "what if I do this?" He dropped the bill on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, all crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Again, hands went into the air.

"You have all learned a valuable lesson," the speaker said. "No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are priceless to Him."

As you go about your work today in Life Care, American Lifestyles and Life Care at Home, that truth should be important to you. And it should inspire you in the noble mission to which you are called.

Keep in mind, too, that the residents you serve – each and every one of them – are priceless to God as well. Could what we do be any more important?

--Beecher Hunter