

What Is Good?

What is good in life? Ask any group of people, and you are likely to get a different answer from each man or woman interviewed. Nevertheless, it is important to consider the question. What we believe to be pleasant or excellent drives the goals to which we aspire and shapes the behavior of our days upon this earth.

John Boyle O'Reilly, an Irish-born poet and novelist, addressed this subject in one of his literary works:

*"What is good?"
I asked in musing mood.
Order, said the law court;
Knowledge, said the school;
Truth, said the wise man;
Pleasure, said the fool;
Love, said the maiden;
Beauty, said the page;
Freedom, said the dreamer;
Home, said the sage;
Fame, said the soldier;
Equity, said the seer;
Spoke my heart full sadly:
"The answer is not here."
Then within my bosom
Softly this I heard:
"Each heart holds the secret;
Kindness is the word."*

What do you consider good? For the associates of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, kindness is certainly high on their list; they give their lives daily in its practice.

– Beecher Hunter