Wisdom from a Golf Coach

Golfing coach Bill Hartman insists that great golfers are made, not born.

"I've seen great athletes play at all levels in a number of sports," he said, "and you know what separates the 'greats' from the 'good'? Their level of physical preparation."

What Hartman had to say applies equally to associates in Life Care and Century Park. Our preparation sets us apart, identifying true leadership in whatever on-the-job discipline in which we are engaged.

Our preparation can consist of formal schooling, life and professional experiences, and a degree of commitment that drives us to excel. Our preparation also applies to continuing professional education, a desire to make every day better through education and observing the good habits of others. Mentors and role models become our coaches.

God is our heavenly coach, preparing us for all the events of our lives as well as for the work He plans for us to do. He knows the future as well as He knows the past, and He is fully capable of preparing us for all that lies ahead. We must not disdain the preparation time.

Just think of ...

- The 80 years He prepared Moses before sending him to liberate the children of Israel from Egypt.
- David's years in the wilderness running from King Saul and living as a fugitive. It
 was God's way of preparing him for the throne.
- Jesus' hidden years in Nazareth
- Paul's silent years in Arabia.

Ephesians 2:10 indicates that God is preparing us for the work that He is planning for us to do. The courage and confidence you'll have in the future will come from the preparation and practice you are experiencing right now.

Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced that God had prepared the people, since the events took place so suddenly (2 Chronicles 29:36 NKJV).

- Beecher Hunter