



Work Should Be Fun

Professor Basil L. Gildersleeve of Johns Hopkins University was once interviewed for the *Saturday Evening Post*. At the time, the elderly professor was considered the greatest Greek scholar in the nation, and his work had been honored by numerous organizations and societies around the world.

The interviewer asked Professor Gildersleeve what he considered to be the highest award or compliment he had ever received. He thought for a moment and then replied, "I believe it was when one of my students said, 'Professor, you have so much fun with your own mind!'"

Behavioral researchers have discovered that when people enjoy their work and feel it is meaningful, they are more productive, more open to improvement, and more concerned about the quality of their work. As their levels of productivity and quality rise, they become more efficient and actually begin to earn more money – either through promotions, pay raises or a broader customer base. As their income increases, they tend to enjoy their work even more.

Many disciplines are necessary in pursuit of the mission of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home. I often say to the activity directors that they must have the job with the most fun in the center. They always nod their heads in agreement. But it doesn't matter what job we are called to do, we should find pleasure and satisfaction in it.



To be a truly effective leader, you must identify something you sincerely enjoy doing, then do it well. Success will surely follow.

Work hard and cheerfully at all you do, just as though you were working for the Lord and not merely for your masters, remembering that it is the Lord Christ Who is going to pay you, giving you full portion of all He owns. He is the one you are really working for (Colossians 3:23-24).

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