“‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

_Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV)_

As a fairly new practitioner, I find myself constantly trying to find the best ways to incorporate Christ into my career as a Pharmacist. I recently transitioned into a role at a retail pharmacy, where I quickly discovered that the fast pace and impersonal surroundings make the notion of talking to patients about Christ appear even more out of reach.

Although I have read the above Scripture from Matthew 25 numerous times in my life, it was recently brought to my attention in light of my new role as a community Pharmacist. Although actions do not lead to salvation, the real evidence of our faith is the way that we act. We do not always have to read Scripture or discuss Christ with patients in order to share our faith. While these are wonderful steps to take, others will also see our faith through the way that we treat them. This includes the patients that we serve in any environment: a local chain pharmacy, your own independent pharmacy, a hospital, etc.

To treat patients (especially those who don’t treat us so kindly) in a way that is pleasing to Christ is not always an easy task. However in doing this, we are consistently incorporating Christ into our careers. Even during the busy, day-to-day work routine, by treating patients in this manner we are “serving Christ and the world through pharmacy”.

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