

The Faith Script

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May your unfailing love rest upon us, Oh Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:22 (NIV)

For many years, my husband and I owned our own pharmacy where we provided services to long-term care facilities, most of them group homes serving persons with intellectual disabilities. A major responsibility to these homes was delivery of all required medications and supplies. Therefore, to take care of our patients, we depended on good delivery drivers willing to drive all over the metro Des Moines area, many times in bad weather or late at night. Not every driver is 'cut out' to do that sort of thing, and do it cheerfully no matter what. One of our long-time employees/drivers was Russ. He was dependable, with a great sense of humor and a Christian servant attitude. Everyone liked Russ and could count on him to take care of their delivery needs.

Early one morning as we came into work, we found a paper sign posted on the long-term care pharmacy door that read: "And whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for Gene and Susan." (Colossians 3:23 NIV). In the NIV, this passage is in the "Rules for Christian Households." While it applies there to servants/slaves and masters, it has much broader application. The verse following says, "since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." In other words, whatever you do, do it with a positive attitude, a Christian servant spirit, and humility. We must keep in mind that we are Christ's followers first, serving in pharmacy as our chosen profession. Our caring attitude and love apply to all we do. In this way we show our Christian love to others every day.

No doubt each of us at one time or another has been positively impacted by someone who genuinely enjoys what they do, no matter how lowly a job they may have. Such an experience really impacts us as well. While we may complain about our work, we need to be thankful for the joy it gives us and for the uplift it may be giving those we are caring for as pharmacists. "I need to remember that it (work) is a gift from God and that my hard, honest labor can lead me to the wonderful things He has in store." (Upper Room devotions.)

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) says "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV) reminds us to add the following to our faith: goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. These attributes will serve well to help others see Jesus in us and our actions. They are good qualities for life AND work in pharmacy.

Each of us is blessed to have been given opportunities to serve, work, and use the gifts we have received each day for God's glory as we help others we encounter in our lives. Our challenge is to keep a positive attitude despite difficulties, "hiccups" and annoyances along the way, understanding that God gives us these experiences to help us grow and be better servants to our patients and others who may be suffering and need our care and love. Like our driver, Russ, we should always remember the ultimate servanthood and sacrifice of our Lord: that we may join Him in eternity one day and hear those words "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matt. 25:23 NIV)

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Prayer Wall

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Join us Sunday, September 5th at 5:00 PM ET!

The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. In August 2020, we began meeting monthly on the 1st Sunday of the month. If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at Office@cpfi.org. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, September 5, 2021** for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Past President



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