

BUT, I'M THE CORPORAL!

Intent of th story:

- *Dignity of Work*
- *Before God there are no high and low types of work.*
- *Work is work, not status and class.*
- *Give a lending hand whenever your help is wanted*

The Story

In the United States, years ago, a party of soldiers was trying to pull out a wagon that was stuck in the mud. The Corporal in charge was urging them on. But the wagon was very heavy and the mud was very thick.

A passer-by stopped to talk to the corporal. The corporal complained to him: “They give me six men only to do the work of ten,”

“Why don’t you lend your men a hand yourself?” asked the stranger. The corporal looked shocked, “But, I’m the Corporal,” he said.

The stranger said no more; he took off his coat and set his shoulder to one of the wheels of the wagon. With this help, the soldiers managed to get the wagon out of the muck.

As he put on his coat, the stranger turned to the corporal. “When you need help again, Corporal, call on the Commander-in-Chief,” he said.

He was none other than George Washington himself, the first President and Commander-in-Chief of the army of the United States of America.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What is your opinion of the Corporal?
 2. Why did the Corporal refuse to give a helping hand to his men to pull out the wagon?
 3. Who is the true hero of the story? Explain,
 4. Can we say that some types of work are low and humiliating? Why?”
 5. What’s the dignity and value of all types of work?
 6. What type of work did Jesus do for 30 years of his life?
 7. Who were Jesus’ Parents and what sort of work they did?
- “When something fails, lend your hand and keep trying.
 - I wondered why somebody didn’t do something; until I realized that I was that somebody
 - No menial work is low enough for the one who .doesn’t stand on borrowed dignity.
 - When some work has to be done, forget the position life placed you on – high or low - and do it!

