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## CAREGIVING IS LIKE TENDING A GARDEN

### Good Manners For "Friends" ... Preserve Dignity

There is a certain sense of well-being in a clean and attractive appearance for all human beings.

Happy minutes each hour and small positive feelings each day can add up to living life with dignity and well-being. The motivation to safeguard the dignity of your client may be in knowing that it is the right thing to do. Here are a few examples:

1. Give them the opportunity to help with household chores such as setting the table.
2. When a waiter asks you what your client wants to eat, you say "Mary, what do you want?"
3. Respond to the client when they speak, even if it is a nod. You wouldn't

ignore the words of a friend. Make sure your tone of voice is not condescending.

4. If your clients asks your opinion about their appearance, respond

with an attitude that indicates you care about their pride in themselves.



Quiz: (choose a correct answer)  
Mrs. Pewitt enjoys inviting her neighbors over and takes special care of her appearance. Today her friends from church are stopping by. As you are getting things ready, you notice that her dress has a stain on the front. Should you...

1. Point it out and tell her how awful it looks. Couldn't she tell that before she put it on.
2. When her friends arrive, tell them you are sorry that Mrs. Pewitt's dress is so dirty.
3. Before the friends arrive, privately tell her that she might put on a sweater and you could help her with that stain after the friends are gone.



We are pleased you have joined our team. We appreciate your time and effort to read and respond to this learning opportunity. You are a winner!!!

Check your work: did you get the correct answer?.

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