



The E R Doctor...compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

Part of the routine of your Chaplains is to make rounds in the Districts and attend roll calls.

Recently after a midnight roll call one of the Officers pulled me aside and said "I try to look around the room every evening to try and see who could use some extra attention and try to share a good joke, because we never know what emotional burden another one is carrying". It struck me hard, and I said to myself "what an angel", doing his part to make his world a better place. What I couldn't share with him was that his partner had shared with me earlier, that he was just diagnosed with cancer and to please not share the news with anyone, rather just to keep him in my prayers. Little do we know about the burdens that the people close to us are carrying. We only wonder why they are "not in a smiley mood". A little prayer, a little hug, goes a long way to the heavy-hearted. It reminded me of the story of "The Emergency Room Doctor....."

The doctor entered the hospital in hurry, after being called in to do an emergency surgery on a boy they brought in. He answered the call asap, changed his clothes and went directly to the surgery block. He found the boy's father pacing in the hall, waiting for the doctor. As soon as he saw him, the dad yelled: "Why did you take all this time to come? Don't you know that my son's life is in danger? Don't you have the sense of responsibility?"

The doctor smiled and said: "I am sorry, I wasn't in the hospital and I came as fast as I could after receiving the call..... And now, I wish you'd calm down so that I can do my work"

"Calm down?! What if your son was in this room right now, would you calm down? If your own son dies now what would you do??" asked the father angrily.

The doctor smiled again and replied: "I will say what Job said in the Holy Book – "From dust we came and to dust we return, blessed be the name of G-d". – Doctors cannot prolong lives. Go and intercede for your son, we will do our best by G-d's grace"

"Giving advice to others when it doesn't affect you is so easy" murmured the father, as he stalked away.

The surgery took some hours after which the doctor came out happy, "Thank goodness!, your son is saved!" And without waiting for the father's reply he carried on his way running. "If you have any question, ask the nurse!!"

"Why is he so arrogant? He couldn't wait some minutes so that I ask about my son's state?" Commented the father when seeing the nurse minutes after the doctor left.

The nurse answered, tears coming down her face: "His son died yesterday in a road accident, he was planning his son's funeral when we called him for your son's surgery.

And now that he saved your son's life, he left running to the funeral home to finish the plans for his son's final moments."

NEVER JUDGE ANYONE, because YOU never know what is going on in their life, how heavy of a burden they are carrying or the challenges that they are facing. It might be heavier than you think. Your kind words can make all the difference in the world.

Some points to make you ponder and make you go HMMMMMMMM.....

- Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.
- So why is a car's windshield so large & the rear view mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
- All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, G-D smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
- When G-D solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when G-D doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- A blind person asked a Saint: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" The Saint replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- When you pray for others, G-d listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.....

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to G-d.

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, thanks for the Holy and noble work you do.

Should you ever need a shoulder to lean on don't hesitate to give us a call. All contact information

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