Who Moved My Brick!

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The role of the radiotherapist in the rapidly changing world of radiotherapy

Is treating radiotherapy patients like moving a pile of bricks from one place to the next place on one day and then back again the next day?

On and on moving bricks.

Olive Schrieners book “Story of an African Farm”

“...And it was all play and no-one knew what it lived and worked for— a striving and a striving and ending in nothing.”

Choices in Life

We choose things to be the way that we perceive them to be!

- How are we going to perceive each day?
  - As brick moving days.
  - OR
  - To live out our life’s purpose.

Our great business in life is not to see what lies dimly in the distance but to do what lies clearly at hand.

You have the potential to effect the life of every person you come into contact with in any way.

Your Attitude can make a Difference

Pride goes a long way when working in a professional environment.

Every patient is special in his/her own way.

Do we work purely to earn money or is there a greater purpose behind it?

Quote by Charles Kingsley:

“...Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.”

Learning from Patients

Every day we can learn something from our patients.

Consider the pearls of wisdom they scatter at our feet.

The funny things that they say and the stories that they tell.

Their humility.

Cancer can affect any personality type and it is a great leveller.

Alexander Graham Bell quotes: “When one door closes another door opens but we so often look so long and so regrettably upon the closed door that we do not see the ones that open for us.”

Building Relationships

Instead of moving bricks let us build with them.

Build relationships with the patients and everyone we come into contact with.

You can’t always get on with everyone. In building relationships it is you and your expectation that makes the difference.

We need to work as a team. Think of it as running a relay race we have to pass the baton on. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Build on our strengths and not concentrate on our weaknesses. Each team member has specific strengths which makes the team stronger.
**Impressions**

- Facial expression and the way that you express yourself.
- Project favourable characteristics in the best way and have the self-confidence to do it.
- Mark Twain said: "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."
- Nelson Mandela said: "As we let our light shine we unconsciously give other people the permission to do the same."

**Inspiration**

- Helen Keller: Be of good cheer. Do not think of today’s failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourself a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find joy in overcoming obstacles.
- Remember, no effort that we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost.

THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank my colleagues for their support, my patients for teaching me new things about life everyday and the Lord who makes all things beautiful in His time.