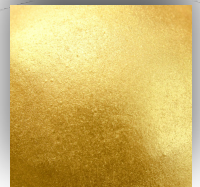


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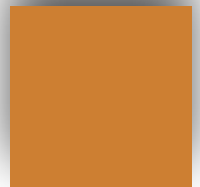
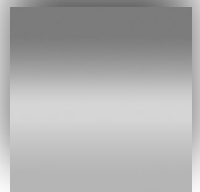


Thought for today...

During this time of 'lockdown', I have been attending numerous virtual meetings with NHS officials. Hospital Trusts have put in place Gold, Silver and Bronze command arrangements, which serve to address the many issues that hospitals are currently facing.



The Gold, Silver & Bronze hierarchy denotes both the level of importance of the meeting and who is able to participate. Of the 3, Gold command is the highest level and involves the most senior ranking officials - Trust Board members, the Chief Executive and select Executive Directors. Questions would be raised if a Bronze level attendee sought to sit in on a Gold command meeting!



This hierarchy caused me to reflect on the goodness of our Father in Heaven, in that He has made provision so that 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' (Acts 2:21 NKJV). How wonderful to know that we don't have to be at 'Gold command' level in order for the Lord to hear, welcome or accept us!

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Peter confirms this in the Book of Acts: 'Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."'

(Acts 10:34-35 NKJV)

In the Book of Romans, the Apostle Paul lets us know: "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile - the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him..." Romans 10:12 (NIV)

You may feel unimportant, unworthy, unloved or unwanted; you may feel that you do not even qualify to participate at 'Bronze command' level. Whoever you are and whatever your station in life, you too have the opportunity to be counted among the 'all' and 'whoever' mentioned in the scriptures above.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 NKJV)

