

**YOUR PASTOR'S EXPERIENCED OPINION  
ON  
CORPORATIONS AND PEOPLE CARE**

I am a Marine Corps Combat Vietnam Veteran who has ended up with - Agent Orange related Prostate Cancer as well as Renal Cell Carcinoma (kidney cancer) - Loosing both organs in surgeries and now receiving Immunotherapy - which is no picnic - but my local Oncologist and her Health Care associates have been Awesome in their care and treatment of me.

We have been so blessed in Hardin County to have some of the best and most caring Physicians and health Care workers found anywhere. During my surgeries and treatment at the University of Louisville and Baptist Health Hardin I was treated with Courteous and Professional care. No complaints what so ever. However - I have noticed a tremendous change in the demeanor of so many health care workers - including the Doctors. Oh there are many smiles and kind words - but everyone seems so rushed and overwhelmed with computer posting - answering pagers and needing to scurry to the next room - that I felt like I would be hindering the health care of someone else if I asked for something. I realized that this was in no way the fault of the health care workers. It was obvious that there were not enough of them to meet the needs of the patients - without Rushing Everything. Rushing is not good in any business - but it can be Deadly in healthcare. Just like with the VA - The Majority of Health-care Professionals are great - but the Bureaucrats are woefully lacking in every category. But there is no Bureaucrat like a Corporate Bureaucrat.

It is most unfortunate and heart breaking to watch the greatest health care system in the world being degraded by heartless corporations. The fact is - Business Corporations have neither a Heart nor Soul. They do not bleed red blood - but Green Ooze known as the all mighty dollar or Bottom Line. To me the opposite of a Corporation ran health care System - is a Doctor Patient - Care Focused - Individual Healing Practice. That is what we had in our community before Big Corp came to town. I experienced First hand the change that has taken place in our local Corporate ran hospital, as well as the Corporate take over of so many personal ran Doctor Practices. the former Doctor Patient Care Focus seems to have been replaced with a timed assembly line business practice. Once again the Bottom line focus.

Bureaucrats, please set back and count your money. But give our Health Care Providers the Respect - Time - Pay and a Non-Threatening Work Environment that is Conducive to the better health of your patients as well as employees. That way everyone wins.