Skyscraper Scarves

When Mr. Akintola, the first prime minister of the Western Region of Nigeria, built the tallest building in his hometown, he was accused of building a skyscraper. He caught some political heat over it. His supporters, however, found a unique way to defend him.

Their wives began wrapping their colorful head scarves higher and higher on their heads. They would go to church on Sunday with a beautiful, multicolored head tie reaching 12 to 15 inches in height. The men described these ladies with a single Yoruba word that meant "the owner of a skyscraper."

James, in his book in the Holy Bible, called Jesus the glorious Lord, meaning that the glory of God is embodied in Jesus. No matter how tall you tie your head scarf, no matter how fancy your clothes, no matter how grand someone may be, we are nothing compared to Jesus. Consequently, we who serve the most glorious Lord should not show favoritism.

That should be our goal in the workplace of Life Care, American Lifestyles and Life Care at Home. Every resident is important, and so is every job. We should treat one another with the dignity and respect that is due fellow human beings who are engaged in a noble cause.

--Beecher Hunter