

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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Often, when we think about leaders, we envision people who have their finger in everyone’s pie. We perceive leadership as always being involved in everything. Yet, one of the keys of wise leadership is the ability to know when to involve ourselves and when to stay out of the fray. Whether it’s in adding our opinion when it isn’t requested or stepping into someone else’s issue, good leaders know how far to go.

While this can be trying under any circumstance, one of the most difficult times to leave well enough alone is when someone we care about it is struggling. Being compassionate leaders, often we want to step in and solve the issue; but, is that really in their best interest? Sometimes the lesson comes as much from the struggle as from the outcome.

Whether our leadership roles are as parents, bosses, teachers or just friends, let’s be wise leaders. Let’s learn when to wade in and when to watch from the beach.

Think about it! For the Madison Avenue Church of Christ; this is Charlie Wharton.