

## **“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

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Have you ever tried to carry on a conversation with someone who is so wrapped up in themselves that they don't hear what you are saying? Worse yet, have we been the one not listening?

The skill of listening is quickly becoming a lost art. Too many times, we enter a conversation with a selfish agenda. Even those conversation that don't start out "about me" can turn that way when we fail to take on a servants role and allow others to say what they feel needs to be said.

If we are looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of people, one of the simplest things we can do is stop talking and start listening. Our world is filled with too many talkers; what we need are good, patient, insightful listeners. Often, people aren't interested in hearing our advice, they merely want us to listen to their issues.

While the Bible is full of suggestions for people wanting to learn to listen, the wise man of Proverbs provided a true gem when he observed, "He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him." (Proverbs 18:13). Remember, any fool can talk, the wise listen.

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