

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. In essence, children need the help and support of a lot of people to become successful. They need exposure to all kinds of influences, talents and input to become well-rounded. Even children with good, caring, loving parents can benefit from listening to positive adult role models.

In a comparable way, it takes insight to raise a village. It is often perceived that a society left to its own collective intelligence will be successful; but, that's not always true. For a community to grow and develop, wise men and women must step forward to educate, encourage and collectively direct where we should be going. Also, just like that successful child, a community must have the willingness to listen to the sage advice of people who know what's best for us – not just economic advisors; but, spiritual leaders as well. The Bible reminds us, “Where there is no guidance, the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.” (Proverbs 11:14)

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