

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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How are leaders selected? Too often supervisors are chosen, not by strengths; but, by seniority. In essence, the ones who get the position are the ones who have merely been there the longest.

While this might appear to be an observation about employers, our real point is to those of us considering promotions. When we find ourselves in a position where we could be asked to take our leadership to the next level, let's ask ourselves, "Am I up to the task?". Leadership is not something that we are merely promoted into, it should be something for which we strive – not just for the recognition; but, because we believe we can do the job effectively. Hundreds of years ago, a wise man noted, "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment." (James 3:1) and while the original application is to teachers, the same can be said about leaders?

Are we being considered for a leadership role? Is it really a good career move – for us and the rest of the agency?

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