

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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Why do we make friends? There are several reasons for us to develop relationships; but, one of them is so that we can have someone upon whom we can depend when things are amiss in our lives. On the surface this might seem to be a bit self-serving; but, there is a value in having people who care about us when we are in crisis.

Now, having said that, what would happen if we surrounded ourselves with people who didn't help when we needed them the most? Imagine how hollow life would be if we thought we could depend upon someone for support; but, when we relied upon them, they were nowhere to be found. The sad part about this statement is that some of us don't have to imagine that scenario; we have lived it.

As we choose our friends, let's not be completely selfish; but, let's make it a point to choose people upon whom we can depend for a good example and compassionate word ... or we'll lament along with Solomon who noted, "Like a bad tooth and an unsteady foot is confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble." (Proverbs 25:19)

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