

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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Sometimes it is just a matter of semantics, other times there are gaping differences in similar sounding phrases. Take, for example, the concepts of “strong-willed” and “focused”. On the surface the images they conjure might appear similar; but, they can be very different.

The idea of someone being “strong-willed” can be summed up in a desire to have their own way through intimidation, manipulation and self-centeredness. Being “focused” on the other hand, describes having a plan for life and pursuing it with vigor and excitement. In the end, both concepts are about how we perceive our place in life; but, there is a world of difference in where we’ll end up and what we leave in the wake behind us.

How can we know if we are “strong-willed” or “focused”? Probably the best determination is found in a consideration of our intentions: am I dedicated to making the world better or am I just wanting what makes me happy?

So, what are we: strong-willed or focused?

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