

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

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When we consider the world around us – and the people it contains – do we look at in a critical way or with mercy? When we process what people are doing do we set out to point out their mistakes or do we have a mind set on trying to understand what they did and, if it wasn't up to standard, how we can help them learn from their mistakes and do better in the future?

Whether it is dealing with our children, employees, subordinates or just the man on the street, the way we set out to see people will determine the impression they will make. If we are looking for successes in their lives, we will see them in spite of their flaws; but, if we are hoping to catch them in failures, we'll be able to do that, too.

Centuries ago, when Jesus was describing the type of people His disciples should be, He noted, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." (Matthew 5:7) The great thing about this beatitude is that not only is it the right way to live, by living it, we receive a very practical benefit on our own.

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