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A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

Do You Golf Alone?

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Have you ever heard the story about the woman who asked her husband, "Why don't you play golf with George anymore?" The husband responded, "Well, would you play golf with a man who puts down the wrong score and moves his ball when you aren't watching?" "No, of course not, the wife said." And the husband said, "And neither will George."

Friends, what kind of person are you to be around? You do know that the Bible holds up both good and bad people (e.g. Demetrius and Diotrephes - 3 John 9-12) as examples; some to imitate and others to avoid?

As you reflect on your life lately, how would you describe yourself? Have you been the kind of person that blesses the lives of others, or have you been the kind of person that others just endure until they can get away from you?

Surely, we all would like to be more like Joses, nicknamed Barnabas by the apostles (Acts 4:36). He seemed to see and bring out the best in everyone. It was Barnabas who was sent by the Jerusalem church to encourage the brethren at Antioch (Acts 11:22-24). It was Barnabas who stepped forward and accepted the recently converted Saul of Tarsus when no one else seemed willing to take the risk (Acts 9:26-27). And it was Barnabas who stood up for John Mark and was willing to give him a second chance (Acts 15:37-39).

What's your recent impact on others been? Or let me ask it this way, "If you wanted to go golfing, would you have to go alone?" Give it some thought.

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