

This note was submitted by an anonymous man who attended our church last week. What is it about people? Why don't I have any friends? It's Sunday afternoon, I went to church this morning, visited with a bunch of nice polite people. I've had a short nap. And now, I look outside and the weather is beautiful, and I'd like to do something . . . like go fishing. There's still a lot of day left, I'd like to spend some time with someone, just to visit, enjoy the day together. It makes me think back, I have NEVER gotten a call to go fishing on the spur of the moment with ANY buddies from church, acquaintances from work, social organizations, etc. NEVER! Why? Don't know. I just never get a call. You may ask, "Why don't you call someone?" That's a very good question. But the real answer is that there is an unsaid, silent "man code". You don't ask someone UP the food chain. You only ask ACROSS the food chain, or you ask DOWN the food chain. What do I mean by that? I have fishing gear. I have a rod & reel, an old tackle box of stuff, but it's not that new. I don't have a boat and you can tell from looking in my tackle box, I don't really fish that often. Therefore, I don't know all the tips & tricks and I don't know all the secret fishing spots so I don't know where to go. In short, I don't have the status symbols. The "code" says, I'm second class. I'm looked down upon. I'm an outcast, even among friends. The fact still remains, I'd like to go fishing, or do something with somebody this afternoon, and I have nobody to call. I have nobody to call. Why is that? Just thought I'd pass this message along got nothin' else to do. Guess I'll go and see what I can find on the internet. If someone in our congregation is truly feeling this way, where do you think the problem lies? Read Matt 25:41ff