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Pastor's Column

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What Would You Do?

You are driving along in your car on a wild, stormy night. You pass by a bus stop, and you see three people waiting for the bus:

- 1. An old lady who looks as if she is about to die;
- 2. An old friend who once saved your life;
- 3. The perfect man or woman you have been dreaming about.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing that there could only be one passenger in your car? **Think before you continue reading!**

This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application.

Consider the options:

- 1. You could pick up the old lady, because she is going to die, and you should save her first. (*Do the right thing; set aside your personal desires.*)
- 2. You could take the old friend because this person once saved your life, and now you have the chance to show your gratitude. (*Loyalty above all else*; *you restore equilibrium to your life, and you fulfill an obligation.*)
- 3. You may never be able to find your perfect dream lover again. (Risk everything; choose love, without which life has no meaning.)

The candidate who was hired (out of 200 applicants) had no trouble coming up with the answer. HOW DID THE CANDIDATE ANSWER?

The candidate simply said: "I would give my car keys to my old friend, and let him take the lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the person of my dreams."

Never forget to think outside the box!



—from the movie 16 Blocks

