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*"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)*

## **Are You Okay?**

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In the January 7th edition of the Birmingham Sunday Mercury, a story was written about a worker who was dead at desk for 5 days before anyone noticed. George Turklebaum, 51, who had been employed as a proof-reader at a New York firm for 30 years, had a heart attack in the office he shared with 23 other workers. He quietly passed away on Monday, but nobody noticed until Saturday morning when an office cleaner asked why he was still working during the weekend.

That's hard to believe, isn't it? How could people be so caught up in their own business that they don't notice that a man working in their same office had been dead for five days?

Sad, but not all that uncommon; at least in the spiritual realm. How often do we go about our daily activities without ever considering the spiritual well-being of those around us? Maybe it's time we look up from our own affairs just long enough to tap someone on the shoulder and ask, "Are you okay?"

"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:1).