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There is a saying that goes something like this: The person you are today is a direct by-product of the books you read and the people you hang out with. If you are not where you want to be in life, it might be time to upgrade your friends. Take this simple quiz to see"

1. Are your friends generally on time for get-togethers?
2. Are any of your friends on the road to financial independence?
3. Do you have any friends who own their own business (or have aspirations to do so)?
4. Would you ever consider trading lives with any of your friends?
5. Are your friends "happy"?
6. Do any of your friends have clear goals they are working towards?

If you answered "no" to most of those questions, the time has come to stop hanging out with people who have less going for them than you do. Think about your goals, dreams and aspirations; make new friends who can support you in those. If you have plans to own your own business, befriend a business owner. If you dream of financial independence, find some like-minded individuals to add to your circle.

No one says you have to ditch our old friends, just make room for the new ones.

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### **Don't Upgrade Operating Systems!**

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If you want to upgrade to a higher level of operating system, as in, if you have Windows 98 but want Windows ME – it is highly recommended that you buy a full version of the system you want. The version of 98 you have now may have errors on it, for whatever reason (perhaps too many "hard" shutdowns where you didn't close out your windows first, or a corrupted file, etc.), and these will not be fixed up or go away with an upgrade. Instead, some things could get worse.

When you only install an upgrade, it's typically called a "dirty install" – that is because the previous errors remain in the system. Even if you just installed Windows 98 new and then immediately upgraded, you will still find that there are probably errors that will come up. The only way to definitely get rid of the errors is to format the hard drive and install the full operating system. This leaves you susceptible to losing a lot of data, even if you fully back up.

Your best bet is to use the operating system you have. If you are really wanting to upgrade, first back up all your data, and get your disks for all software, drivers and such (your drivers for modem, printer, plug & play – everything), and be ready to deal with some hassle. When you back up – back up the registry files too – you can lose a lot of information and operating needs if you don't take all this into account.

If you want to take a chance on keeping your errors, then install over the first operating system. It won't fix errors, but it won't in all likelihood destroy all your data, either. The only way to get all the errors off is to format your hard drive and reinstall. By formatting, you WILL lose ALL your files on that drive. Neither choice is very appealing, to tell the truth.

I opt for a clean slate – back everything up and reinstall the full

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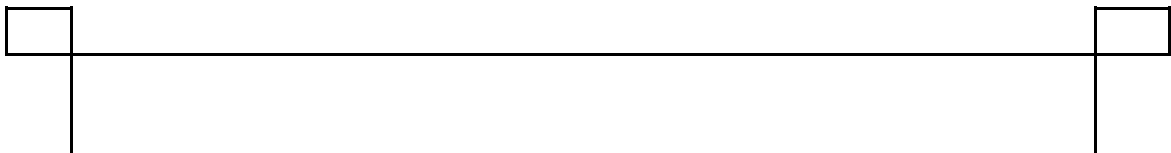
operating system plus all your drivers and software. I have been working on a SICK laptop for 2 weeks – because of a dirty upgrade. I had to format and reinstall everything. Once I did that, we didn't have a driver, so my partner upgraded the Windows 98 – but there was NO WAY to get it to work correctly again. So I re-formatted and reinstalled everything again. Now that I won't let him touch it anymore, it works like a charm, and we turn it back to its owner

repaired. (Oh yes – and still able to get support from the company because it has its original operating system in it – they will not support it if we upgrade!)

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