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Food for Thought

For the week of July 17, 2011

(Questions and scriptures for further personal study)

1. This weekend we heard how important it is that we are strategic in the use of our money, possessions and time to impact the Kingdom. A temptation that can occur when wanting to do good or make an impact is making what we accomplished look even better than it already does or taking the glory for it. What does Acts 4:32-5:11 tell us about this kind of "exaggeration"?

The kind of lie the couple above fell into is often a result of small compromises along the way. Are there any areas of compromise you need to consider correcting?

2. God's kindness, grace and patience with us is amazing (Romans 2:4). Yet it is important to note that God's patience doesn't mean to waste the time or the resources he has given you. How does James 4:13-5:6 reinforce a sense of urgency similar to what we heard in this week's teaching?

Is there anything you need to quit putting off and start doing when it comes to arranging your priorities and ministry mindset?

3. It's no surprise to most of us that money and possessions can become a means of fulfillment and a hindrance to ministry instead of a means for ministry. How do the following verses help counteract the "it's all about the money" mindset and help us focus on being strategic in impacting the Kingdom?

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Proverbs 11:28

Proverbs 23:5

1 Timothy 6:6-12