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Life & Leadership Nugget

You may delay, but time will not. ~ Benjamin Franklin

God cares very much for people! That is why He sent His Son to die on the cross! If we are to be Christ-like, we must do as Christ did. He fit people into His schedule everywhere He went. He made time no matter how tired or hungry He was, or where He had to travel.

Jesus was on the way to Jericho, He stopped and took time to bless little children and heal a blind man (Luke 18). Even with the disciples' efforts to hold back the children and others to quiet the blind man He took the time.

How tight are our schedules that we cannot stop for a divine appointment? This question is one to take seriously. Especially, when prompted by the Holy Spirit. The appointment could be simply scheduling a visit with someone, helping someone or making a phone call.

Cornelius made the time to obey God and send for Peter (Acts 10). He did not check his schedule or put it off. He learned that when God speaks, make time to listen and then take the time to obey. Remember the following reasons why God speaks to us. When He speaks and asks you to do something it is for either of two reasons. The first is to get you to a point of being a blessing or secondly, for you to receive a blessing. It was Cornelius' time to receive a blessing.

Cornelius also made the time to visit his family and friends. He invited them to come to his house to hear the words of Peter. There is another side to this coin of giving time. Peter made the time to invite the men Cornelius sent to stay overnight, even against his religious teaching. He then followed them the next day to Cornelius' house, which was also against the Jews' religious customs.

These are the positions God desires for all of us to take. We may not be one of those people who are able to travel spontaneously as Peter did. However, we may be able to visit as Cornelius did with a little planning and time.

Keeping the main thing the main thing is prioritizing, planning, and doing what pleases God. One of the greatest ways to please Him is by helping others. If we are honest with ourselves, we can spare some time to do a good deed for someone else. Stressing this point, time is valuable and is an irreplaceable asset. Therefore, invest it well! Unlike wasted money that is replaceable, we only have one shot at time.