



Thursday Thought

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5-26-16 Ignoring Car Trouble

Verse for the week: Proverbs 6:4 (NLT) “Don’t put it off; do it now! Don’t rest until you do.”

I left church on Sunday and was heading to lunch when we were stopped behind a long line of cars at a red light. The light turned green and the lane next to us proceeded to go but we didn’t. Why weren’t we moving? Soon we noticed a couple of cars going around the right side of a vehicle that had its blinkers on. The thought went through my mind that someone needed to help them but I said nothing to Mandy who was driving. She then spoke up and said “he needs to move his vehicle before there’s an accident!” I jumped out and said “I’ll offer to push him off to the side.” When I got to him he thanked me and said he’s had this problem before and it usually starts. I then went to start pushing as someone almost hits me as they go flying by on the right side of the vehicle (it’s a good thing I’m a preacher if you know what I mean.). I was soon joined by my boss, my district superintendent (kind of like a bishop), and we pushed him to the side of the road where the gentleman’s vehicle promptly started. He thanked us and we all proceeded on our way. I was glad that I helped even though it took a little extra prompting from my wife. I thanked her for doing the right thing and asked God’s forgiveness for my delayed obedience.

I have had the opportunity to ponder about what took place. There are several life lessons that I could pull from the incident but the phrase that stuck in my head was when the driver said that he had this problem before and it eventually starts. There was a problem with his vehicle and he didn't want to take the time to look into it and correct the situation. In the meantime, he endangered his life and the lives of others. Too often we have sin in our lives and instead of seeking help to correct the issue, we ignore it hoping that it will go away. Sadly, when we ignore sin it gets rooted in like an annoying unwanted weed. The longer we ignore it, the more damage that it causes. If we continue to ignore it in this life it will lead to greater issues in eternity! The gentleman with the car problems may have thought he couldn’t afford to get his vehicle fixed, but thankfully we can go to God and get fixed and it won’t cost us anything because it’s already been paid. **Romans 6:23 (NLT)** says, “**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.**” If you would like to know more about this, please feel free to contact me and I’ll happily talk with you. As my mom always said, “Don’t put off till tomorrow what you can do today!”

Question to ponder: What issue are you putting off dealing with that you need to take care of today?