



PART FOUR: LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

History is full of stories about major battles that have been lost because of the tiniest mistakes, of huge business failures that were the result of the seemingly smallest miscalculation, of tragedies that were caused by a single error, of people who died because of one small misstep, of accidents that happened because of one small lapse in judgment. As it turns out, sometimes the stuff we overlook winds up being the most important stuff after all. The saying “Don’t sweat the small stuff” turns out to be bad advice. Especially in battle.

BIG IDEA: Put away the small things that keep you away from big wins.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time in your life when one little oversight ended up costing you in a big way? At the time, did you notice the “little thing?” How has hindsight helped you avoid repeating the same mistake?
2. What impacted you the most from this week’s sermon? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
3. How does your walk before accepting Christ compare to your walk after accepting Christ? What changed? What did not?
4. What parts of your “old self” are still parts of your daily life—big or small? How do these actions contrast with your new life in Christ?
5. With your Bible or Bible App, read Ephesians 5:1-10

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us[a] and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. 3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. 7 Don’t participate in the things these people do. 8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. 10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

Ephesians 5:1-10 (NLT)

6. What areas of your life are “on the fence” between the way of the world and the way of Christ? How can you make the move away from the world and towards Christ?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, focus on having a mind towards Christ and not towards your old self. Identify areas that are “on the fence” between your old and new life, and commit to moving them to the new life. How can we as a group support each other this week as we walk in the life of Christ?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. 18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, 19 singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. 20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.. - Ephesians 5:15-20 (NLT)