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Ministry Jottings by Pastor Deb

The Small Stuff

"You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25:21

A man once said to his new bride. "Honey, I think the best way for our family to operate would be for you to take care of all the small stuff, and let me take care of all the big stuff." His young wife agreed, and so they lived their lives.

At the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the couple was asked to share their "secret" to a happy marriage. The husband relayed the agreement they had made as newlyweds. His wife added with a smile, "And I discovered that if I took care of the small stuff, there never was any big stuff to handle!"

Clearing away the small stuff of life - the daily decisions, problem-solving and nuisances that need to be resolved - can be regarded as a burden, or they can be viewed as paving the way to peace and productivity. It takes just as much effort to remove small stones from a path as it does to arrange them so they make a better path. Let us remember that when we handle the small things, we can move on to the greater things.

In my short time here I have discovered that our church has paid staff who are masters of attending to the small stuff that comes up around the ministry for Christ we are about. They are attentive, kind and positive. What a blessing they are!

In Christ's grace,

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