



April-May 2017 Newsletter

On April 22nd we had a KMI Board meeting, and at this particular meeting I was blessed to present the devotional. Usually a Board member does this honor, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the blessing fell to me. I was thrilled to present to my leadership, because recently Pam and I have been studying from a book by Max Lucado, and it gave me an opportunity to do two things: 1) share what we had learned in the study, and 2) present ramifications for myself as KMI Executive Director, for them as KMI Board members, and for any individual or ministry that KMI might partner with.

In Acts Barnabas sells a plot of land, takes the money, and lays it at the feet of the Apostles. He gave every cent of it to the church for the benefit of all the early church believers. He didn't do it for show, nor pretense, nor attention, nor reward, nor fame: his motives were pure and honest. He loved the Lord God so very much that he just wanted to give to Him with a full heart.

Shortly after that, a married couple, Ananias & Saphira, also sold a piece of land and brought money and laid it at the feet of the Apostles. They didn't have to sell their property: but they did. Once the property was

sold, they didn't have to give money to the Apostles: but they did. They were not required to give ALL of the money they received from the land: but they SAID they did. The couple schemed doing evil. They pretended to bring all the money, they claimed to bring all the money: they were lying. Each came before the Apostles individually. Each lied to the Apostles about the amount they received from the land. Each was smitten dead immediately by God for their deceit.

Think about it for a minute. Again, the land was theirs to keep or sell; they sold it. The money received was theirs to keep or not, as they chose; they kept some of the money, but they claimed they gave it all to God. Unlike Barnabas, A & S held back their funds, but even more to the point, they held back their hearts from God. God already owns everything on the face of the earth; He didn't need A & S's money: but He wanted their hearts. When we give our service, but not our hearts to God, our gift loses its value. A & S's sin was not in keeping part of the proceeds, but in pretending they gave it all. As Max Lucado says, "They wanted the appearance of sacrifice, without the sacrifice." Their act was not an impulsive mistake, but a calculated and premeditated attempt to swindle the Lord

God. A & S's sin was not in keeping a portion of the proceeds, but in misrepresenting the Truth.

KMI has a wonderful, accurate, honest, pleasant, kind, loving, caring, and totally above-board treasurer. She deposits our funds in the bank (I sometimes do a few deposits when she is out of town), she manages all of our funds in QuickBooks, she makes certain that the QB balance and the bank statements are reconciled at the end of every month, and she prepares our financial report for our accountant every year for our reporting to the IRS. Since inception, KMI has balanced perfectly with the accountant, and has passed approval with the Oregon Department of Justice.

You see it? You get it? Catch the relevance? She has a heart for God, and God knows her heart is His. She is representative of all of us associated with KMI: we love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, all of our souls, all of our minds, and all of our strength, and we want to show Him that in EVERY way, including---perhaps especially---when it comes to managing the finances He has entrusted us with.

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If you were to ask any of the leadership team from KMI how we are doing financially, they will honestly tell you that we are doing well. That's not really a big deal; a yearly budget and some growth-over-time figures can tell you the same thing. But---if you ask them WHY KMI is continuing to grow in the "Black"---they will be able to answer that question too: It is because we honor God with 100% financial accountability, including 100% pure and honest reporting.

So...why do I tell you this? What does this make KMI? Famous? No. Proudful? Heaven forbid! It makes us honest. We see every dollar sent to KMI as God's funding, and we humbly lay it at His feet---all of it---in our service to Him by serving our less fortunate fellow man.

We at KMI want you to know that God has our hearts, and we appreciate the dozens of you who trust us and partner with us. For those who send financial gifts, please know that our practices of strict financial care will not change. Your contributions will continually be used carefully & prayerfully. For those of you who are our prayer partners, thank you for prayers for justice, honesty, and humility. At times we just shake our heads in wonder at what we have done to deserve God's trust, but we know it is the faithful prayers of the saints who keep us honest and forthright. It is the might of the blessed Holy Spirit who guides our every step. It is the Love of an Almighty God who allows us to serve Him, and it is the Lordship of our King, Jesus, who grants us the right to be His brothers in service to many. May God bless you for your love and dedication in this life to Him.

As you may have noticed at the top of the page, this is a 2-month newsletter: April & May 2017. We will be leaving for Uganda on a medical & construction mission on May 18th, and won't return home until May 30th. Please be in prayer about this mission. Pray that God will send the people who really need the help that we have to offer so we can serve them well. I will send out a June newsletter that will tell all about the May mission. You can keep up to date on what is happening now either via our KMI website---kingdomworkministriesint.org---or by checking out our Facebook page. You are always welcome to contact me personally via email as well at dwainclundy@yahoo.com.

Thanks again for you heart of love for our loving and perfect Trinity, God the Father, Jesus Christ His Savior Son, and the comforting and guiding blessed Holy Spirit. They love you more than you know.

Serving Them,

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