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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ  
Greater Hartford Chapter  
Mitchell's Coffee House  
August 4, 2010**

- Opening prayer
- Introductions
- Praise reports
- "Popcorn" testimony
  
- Today's Topic: **Compliance in a non-compliant culture**



It's peculiar. In recent weeks, in a variety of contexts, the word "compliance" has been a popular buzzword, from my dentist to prescription drugs, financial service marketing, and government regulations.

**To comply** = to agree or yield as to a wish or command

**Compliance** = acquiescence to a rule, request, demand; a tendency to yield to others

*"I wrote to you as I did to test you and see if you would fully comply with my instructions."*  
1 Corinthians 2:9 (New Living Translation)

*"But as soon as I saw that they were not straightforward and were not living up to the truth of the Gospel, I said to Cephas before everybody present, If you, though born a Jew, can live [as you have been living] like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how do you dare now to urge and practically force the Gentiles to comply with the ritual of Judaism and live like Jews?" Galatians 2:14 (Amplified Bible)*

In more Biblical terms, "compliance" is another word for "obedience." So, I wonder today, do we have major compliance issues in our businesses today? If so, how?

What are some common areas of non-compliance in the business realm?

How do we distinguish between a wish or a command? By whom?

Are there priorities in terms of compliance? Whose commands take precedence over others?

Is it possible to be 100% compliant, all the time?

How do we wrestle with and resolve compliance issues?

Are there tangible benefits for owners and businesses who sincerely pursue compliance? If so, what?

- Next FCCI meeting here on Wednesday, August 18 @ 7:30 am
  
- Upcoming news/events
  - Jacob's Well Christian Coffeehouse this Friday, August 6 (JacobsWellCoffeehouse.com)
  - FCCI summer picnic in Ashford tba (FCCI-NE.org) and fall international conference (FCCI.org)
  
- Closing prayer