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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ  
Greater Hartford Chapter  
Mitchell's Coffee House  
July 21, 2010**

- Opening prayer
- Introductions
- Praise reports
- "Popcorn" testimony
  
- Today's Topic: **Restraining Your Self-Interest for the Bigger Good**



[Mark 11:15-19](#): *"And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. **And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.**"*

[Acts 19:23-24](#): *"And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, **brought no small gain unto the craftsmen...**"*

Would you agree that we have become a very self-centered culture?

We have competing interests clamouring for their particular self-interests. While we must be passionate about what we do, and how we make a living, do we allow that zeal to blind us from the bigger picture? The bigger good?

Are there times when we must think out of our vocational box and make decisions based on the better good of our community, our state, our nation, and God's Kingdom?

Do you always hear yourself thinking and asking, "What's in it for me?"

How do you know if you're too self-centered, or if you're just being alert, astute, and diligent?

How do you respond when it's a matter of your will or God's Will? How can you tell the difference?

Are you a resource for balanced, wise "thought leadership" in your particular profession? Why not?

- Next FCCI meeting here on Wednesday, August 4 @ 7:30 am
  
- Upcoming news/events
  - Jacob's Well on Friday, August 6 (JacobsWellCoffeehouse.com)
  - FCCI summer picnic in Ashford tba (FCCI-NE.org) and fall international conference (FCCI.org)
  
- Closing prayer