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Now, I know I may be a bit behind the curve on this, but a week ago I celebrated my own "Give unto Caesar" day. It was the day I finally attacked that annual task of tax figuring and filing. Oh, I'd purchased my annual TurboTax program months earlier, but I didn't actually use it until last week. ISN'T PROCRASTINATION WONDERFUL. I mean, why do today, what you can put off until tomorrow...right?

But the problem with procrastination is that it only postpones the inevitable. It doesn't remove the task, only moves it to a later date. And all the time that you are postponing the inevitable, you carry the burden of that duty another day longer...it's personally draining. And sometimes, in procrastination, you end up hurting not only yourself, but others who are waiting for you to act.

Proverbs 3:27-28 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it."

Now, the IRS was probably not wringing their hands waiting for me to file my taxes, but last year - Esther was. I didn't realize it, but last year, she was waiting for me to break out the program (for my own taxes), so she could file hers. You see, for several years, I have processed her simple taxes using the program I purchase for my own. It saves money, and takes very little time. So last year, my own procrastination, was impacting her as well, though I didn't realize it.

So act when the need is before you - don't "put off 'til tomorrow what you should do today." Your burden will be lighter, and you may lessen the stress of someone else in the process.