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Table Talk – July 2015

Have your group listen to Elizabeth Knox's Mentoring Monday interview here and peruse Diane's blog.

<http://4wordwomen.org/bringing-your-business-smarts-home-with-you/>

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/lifelessonsnetwork/2015/02/23/mentoring-monday-presented-by-4wordwomenorg-with-elizabeth-knox>

1. "Home" means different things for all of us, including but not limited to, family, personal care, roommates, and ministry. We each have some part of our lives that take place outside the walls of our offices. Do you feel you can be as effective at home as you are at the office? Why or why not?
2. Diane says in her blog, "When I get caught up with trying to *do everything*, and *be everything*, I might get a lot of things done, but a lot of energy gets wasted, and nothing gets done very well." When has this also described you?
3. Think through and then share where work falls in your list of priorities *right now*. Resist the urge to put it where you think it should be. Are you happy with where it is right now? Is your home happy with where it is?
4. Changing priorities, if needed, can be a really hard move to make. What keeps you from being successful in keeping your priorities in their place? What have you learned to help you?

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5. Diane shares about “bringing our business skills home” and applying our lessons learned at work. Choose one area of your home life right now that needs some help and think through the following considerations for this particular area:
 - a. **Communication** – Do you feel you are in a healthy spot right now with communicating what you need/desire and listening to your key people’s needs/desires?
 - b. **Prioritize** – Is this a result of priority misalignment?
 - c. **Minimize** – What is one thing you need to do less of (or just drop) to free up time to help you address this issue?
 - d. **Outsource** -What are you “handling,” that might better be outsourced?
 - e. **Consult Experts** – Since there is no one person who can help us in ALL areas of our lives, who do you know that is really good at this area of struggle that you could ask for advice?
6. Let’s talk for a moment about how our faith intersects with these areas in our home life that need some work. James 1:23-25, ESV, speaks of diligence and responsibility to do what we hear God is calling us to do (through His Word, through people in our lives). It’s a super blunt passage! What do you think? How does it apply to our discussion today?

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.
7. What is one small thing you commit to doing this week to move you forward toward your goal area? As a group, next time you meet, check in on this one thing together.