

Lessons through a windshield Part XIII

Yield



Romans 6:8-14

Intro. There have been many traffic tickets issued for failure to yield which has resulted in an accident. But this failure to yield can also result in death and injury.

The idea of yielding is one that goes against the grain of our "me first" lifestyle. So lets think about some other applications of this sign and not just in a traffic situation.

First, In God's economy it relates to Philippians 2:3,4 and this is an area that needs constant work on our part. I read somewhere that the only right we have as Christians is to give up our rights.

Think about that one a while. But what specific things should we work on yielding to? First,

A. Yield your life to Christ's salvation II Peter 3:9

God doesn't want you to perish but if you will not yield to His love and call, he will let you yield your hope of heaven for an assured spot in hell.

If you have never done that or if you are not sure, please carefully read the last few lines in this weeks notes.

B. Then the Christian needs to yield to the Christ life, not the sin life.

1. Romans 6:11 says consider yourself dead to sin.
2. V 12,13 shows us the yield sign. Don't yield to sin because technically, you are dead to it V 11. Instead, yield to the Christ life of righteousness.
3. In the sin life we serve self. By yielding to the Christ life, we will begin to serve others. John 12:23-26; Galatians 5:13-15
4. Jesus is our great example of service to others.
Mark 10:35-45 V 45

C. Next, yield to praising rather than pouting Psalm 150

1. **Thought:** A tongue of praise finds little time to pout.
2. Don't forget, the doxology is more than a Sun. AM exercise. We will find it works exceptionally well during the week if we but yield to doing it. Been singing it lately during the week??

D. Yield to prayer rather than worry. Philippians 4:4-7 V 6,7

1. **Thought:** God is our help in trouble; if you worry, you are on your own.
2. **Remember,** When life knocks you to your knees, you are then in the best position to pray.

E. Yield to encouraging one another, not back biting and complaining about them or gossiping about one another Hebrews 10:24,25

1. **Thought:** Gossip has been described as halitosis of the mind.
2. This is bad, but if we yield to encouraging it will not only keep us from stinking but it will help another person become better.

Remember: A pat on the back accomplishes much more than a slap in the face.

F. Yield to study and service rather than stagnation II Timothy 2:15 *A workman who needs not be ashamed.*

1. The key here is that by yielding to study, you now have something to share with others and in the process you avoid the stagnation of a rusty spiritual character.
2. Don't forget that it is the machinery that is in constant use that is the machinery that does not have time to sit around and get rusty.

Yes, yielding to an oncoming driver can save many a stitch or broken bone.

Yielding to the right things in the Christian life will help us accomplish many good things as we walk the highway of life.

So the next time you see one of these signs think a moment about what you have been yielding to lately and if it may be necessary to yield to something different in the future.

A closing thought: Have you yielded your life to Christ? If not, why not read a few more lines and do what they say in order to find eternal life in Him.

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God. Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the _____ day of _____ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: _____

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

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