

**TRAINING IN A SAFER**

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own little grand daughter met an untimely death simply because of a driver's recklessness. The horror and sadness resulting from the tragic event made me resolve to seek opportunities to exemplify careful driving and to literally beg, in the memory of my grandchild, other motorists to obey the traffic laws and to practice the Golden Rule on the highways. Many other people are becoming alarmed over the human slaughter on the highway. One H. H. Smith of Ashland, Virginia, has studied and pointed out this fact: "In 1952 38,000 people in the United States were killed by motor vehicle accidents." Think of it! Enough people killed by motor vehicles in one year to populate a city. Mr. Smith states in the magazine *The Biblical Recorder* that "very nearly all motor vehicle accidents are avoidable because they are the result of carelessness, recklessness, drunkenness, indifference, and lack of skill in adverse physical conditions on the part of drivers and pedestrians." Highway safety officials say that there is a human fault somewhere in 999 out of 1000 so called accidents.

Mr. D. C. Phillips, district representative of a manufacturing concern and an active layman in the Chapel Hill Baptist Church recently spoke before some 300 safety directors and industrial engineers assembled in Raleigh. His article in part is as follows: "We stand terrified today at the reports of atrocities coming from Korea; the barbaric, brutal treatment our boys have received at the hands of the Communist is deplorable, and those responsible should be punished. But let's not overlook the stark truth that we are killing more people in our own land than were lost in all three wars of this generation—World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Many a person has tried to put his finger on the real cause of this slaughter in our land. Some have his finger on the real cause of this slaughter in our land. Some have said this and some that. But what is actually now happening is that we are reaping the whirlwind of a generation untrained in habits, manners, customs, courtesies, and attitudes. There is no other answer."

Aside from the 38,000 deaths previously mentioned, an additional 1,350,000 persons were injured in automobile accidents. Here is the picture we must grasp. The grand total from all causes is 96,000 killed and 9,600,000 injured, almost double the number of people living in this state. According to national figures, one person out of every 1,000 in the age bracket of 24 and under will die in an accident this year and 45 will be critically injured. Fortunately in our state and some others, there are centers set up in high schools and other places for drivers' courses. Do you take advantage of such services?

You might ask, "What has this picture

of tragedy to do with our present day religion? Are we not admonished by the Scriptures to be our brother's keeper?" With this in mind, we can, on the highways as well as in the temple, seek God's presence and protection for ourselves and others as we travel along. Is it not a sin to be careless, intemperate, indifferent and ignorant of available skills in any case? Such qualities are more deplorable where human lives are at stake. What does God think of human life? He created us because he thought it was good for us to be created. In his own image a little lower than the angels He fashioned us with a personality for each and services for each to render. Every human being is of infinite worth—the most sacred object of all creation—and the life He gives us here upon earth is not in any way to be wantonly sacrificed through any inexcusable conduct on the part of any one.

The road to safety is a long arduous one and requires patience, diligence and understanding as well as preparation and training. Our young people should be trained thoroughly how to handle heavy dangerous machines. They should have at least 12 one hour lessons of instruction by some responsible person then several hours of driving time under supervision. Young people should not only be taught the proper manners of the home, but emphasis should be placed upon their attitudes toward laws: why they exist and why they should be respected? Most of all, I am referring in this discussion to one of the Ten Commandments: "Thou shall not kill." There is no freedom save within the laws of our land and the divine laws of God.

Yes, we live in a changing world. Since the invention of the automobile about a half century past, we have seen many changes in transportation—bicycles, buggies, wagons, automobiles, trains, airplanes, and ships. If it were possible for our foreparents who have gone on to return to this world, they would not recognize the place. The modern developments and complexities of the age have a marked effect on the home training of today, but all these changes have not lessened the powerful influence we have upon our children. Adult attitudes toward others, toward laws and their enforcement, toward spiritual outlook, or the disregard of these are reproduced by our children and reflected back upon the world in almost a carbon copy of ourselves. So let us hold to the right standards of conduct, so that the reaction will be good and acceptable in the sight of God.

Finally allow me to review briefly what we can actually do to aid in avoiding this awful massacre of human lives and potential, useful personalities:

1. Set a good example by driving carefully within the law.
2. Speak to others about the danger of

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- drinking and driving.
3. Start to work or appointments on time.
4. Be courteous toward other drivers and pedestrians.
5. Avoid a gambling risk in passing.
6. Use at all times good judgment and practice the Golden Rule, a good religious creed for all times.