

WHO'S DRIVING?

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As a young person my sister was highly motivated to get her driving license so she could be behind the wheel driving to places of her choosing. Me, on the other hand, I could care less about driving. I was happy to have my Dad take me wherever I needed to go. Sure, I was the oldest but it didn't matter to me if my sister would drive me places. I didn't care who did the driving as long as it wasn't me. I took Driver's Ed in school and passed but failed to go any farther than that. My mom, dad and sister had licenses and anyone of them would do. I would even take the public transportation to get around if no one could drive me. Sometimes my Dad would pick me up from the final bus stop on the way home from my job, especially if it was late in the evening. It always worked out that somebody was driving so there was no need for me to do it.



When I married the late Dr. Dantzler that all changed. He informed me I had to learn how to drive as it was not possible for him to always get me where I needed to be. So at 21 years old I finally had to break down and accept responsibility for driving a car to get around town. Now that I drive I am very selective about who's driving. I learned that everyone behind the wheel of a car isn't always the best driver.

In our Christian walk some of us need to pay attention as to who's driving the course of our life. For a successful life in God's kingdom we must remember the Lord has offered to do all the driving. He knows where we should go, when we should go, how we should get there, and who should go or not go with us. We have collisions in our life more often than we should because we decide to do the driving sometimes. We lack the ability to know the road of life, the curves on the road, the hazards on the road, and the unexpected conditions that may come our way. In our car we may have a GPS system to navigate for us, but in life our GPS (God's Positioning System) is the Holy Spirit that comes to lead and guide. When we get lost in life and feel confused perhaps you need to ask yourself, "Who's Driving?" The answer may be it's you and not God. Stop moving, pull over in your mind and release control. Be sure to leave the door of your mind open so the Lord can move in. Then sit on the passenger side of the road of life and let God do His job.

A full time chauffeur is great to have if you can afford one, but that's a luxury afforded to the wealthy. However, God chooses to be the 24/7 chauffeur of our daily ride through life and He doesn't expect to receive any cash, just cooperation. Our Lord has agreed to do all the driving if we are willing to let Him. Let's change drivers in our life and turn the steering wheel over to Jesus! SAFE TRAVELS ©

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