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The Staff

from Left to Right:
Melvin (19), Jason (18), Merle (17), and Luray (17) at Martin's Roadside Market on Rte 11B, Potsdam, N.Y. The managers of the market are Daniel and Luray Martin.

On the front cover:
A big sugar maple in our pasture.

Proverbs

3:11-12

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.



Editor's Desk



Dear readers,

Thank-you to all those that sent us letters, contributions, etc. They are very much appreciated.

If I had known all the work that it takes to make a magazine, I would have been discouraged right from the start. But since we were going by faith, and not thinking about how much work it could be, we just did what we knew should be done. Now we realize we have done a big job! If we had known all the benefits and good things that would come from our work, we would have definitely gone ahead. I think that I, we, and the whole Parishville Christian Church have benefited from The Boys Bugle very much, perhaps even more so than any one of the readers. I praise God that he has guided us through the starting and continuing of this magazine. Without God, we would not have started, much less continued.

We specifically need articles and stories for The Calling Of: and The Children's Challenge pages. We'd love to include your story in our next issue.

Which section of the magazine do

you like the best? Are there any sections that you think that we should add or change? Your viewpoints and suggestions are always welcome.

Our computer gave up a few weeks ago (the smoke rolled out of it). Then two different friends gave us two old computers, (less than 6 years old). We tried fixing them up. After having computer headaches for about a week, we got one working. In that time, I learned a very lot about how computers work, in both hardware and software.

I've been looking and praying for a repair manual for my copiers for over a year now. I just about gave up, and was thinking about buying a new copier. To my surprise, a friend found a place where I could get a much more detailed book for less than I expected. Praise God, I got a book for my copier.

Melvin Martin

Traffic Rules from the Book of Books

James Deforest Murch

There are many books of traffic rules, but did you ever think of the Bible as being one?

It was a dangerous intersection. Three cars were involved. Had it not been for the cool headedness and consideration of one driver there would have been terrible tragedy. That driver was a Christian. Afterwards he remarked, "I guess the Lord must have been in the back seat and I took orders!"

The fact is that Christians *should* be the best drivers. Conduct on the highways as well as everywhere else is based on character. Character is based on morals. Morals are based on religion. As Goethe once put it, "There is no outward sign of true character that does not rest on moral foundation."

There are many books of traffic rules, but I have never seen one based on the Word of Life. Of course, the Bible was written long before automobiles were thought of.

Jehu is the only Bible character who might qualify as a modern traffic hazard. Though thousands of years have passed since this king of Israel drove like mad, we still say of speeders, "He drive's like Jehu." But Bible truth and Bible principle have a strange reference to man's doing regardless of the time in which he lives. Automobile traffic rules are no exception. Someone ought to compile a set of traffic rules from the Book of books. With this thought in mind I sat down with the Bible the other day and came up with the following Golden Traffic Rules.

Take God into Consideration

[God] "...giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; For in him we live, and move, and have our being;" Acts 17:25,

28.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6

Pray for Help

"...The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him..." Ezra 8:22

"Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me." Psalms 119:173, 175

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom..." Proverbs 9:10

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Obey the Law.

"Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son..." Proverbs 28:7

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake..." 1 Peter 2:13

Stop, Look and Listen

"The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them." Proverbs 20:12

"...wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee." Proverbs 20:22

Keep Your Mind on Your Business

"...he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 1:6, 8

Be Responsible

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Romans 15:1

Watch Your Speed

"For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward." Isaiah 52:12

Set a Good Example

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

"Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification." Romans 15:2

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." Colossians 3:17

Look Out for Others

"Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." 1 Corinthians 10:24

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Be not Anxious

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Luke 21:34

Be Courteous and Considerate

"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:" 1 Peter 3:8

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:" Matthew 7:12

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Philippians 2:3-4

Show Kindness

"And be ye kind one to another..." Ephesians 4:32

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men..." Galatians 6:10

"...have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity." Hebrews 5:2

Be Patient

"In your patience possess ye your souls." Luke 21:19

"Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God." 1 Peter 2:18-20

Put Love into Action

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18

"...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 19:19

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:" Hebrews 10:24

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" Matthew 5:44

Cultivate Peace of Mind

"For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it." 1 Peter 3:10

"Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have

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The Old Time Farmer

Taken from, "The Farmers', Gardeners' and Stock-Raisers' Guide." (1850)

Friendship is the genuine cordial of life - the balsam for every malady; it supposes entire confidence and trust;	it supposes secrecy to be inviolable; it supposes promises	and engagements to be sacred; and no advantage of our own to be pursued at the expense of another's welfare and honor.
	<p>History and use of Lettuce</p> <p>The lettuce is so named from the Latin word <i>Lac</i>, on account of the milky juice yielded by it in abundance. Lettuce is considered very healthy, especially in the spring--there are some of the family natives of all the warm and temperate latitudes of the globe. The leading cabbaging kinds were originally introduced from Egypt; those of upright growth, from the Island of Cos--hence the name Cos Lettuce applied to all the sorts that approach that character... Some of the varieties of the plant have been extensively cultivated for opium preparations. The plant is allowed to shoot up, for such purposes, until just on the eve of flowering, when the top is cut off, in the afternoon. In thirty-six hours, a brown crust is found on the wounded part of the stem, which is carefully collected. The stem is again cut, and repeatedly, till the plant ceases to yield its milky substance.... Lettuce is undoubtedly the best of the salading vegetables; many varieties are cultivated in Europe, and not a few in this country, but several kinds grown there are not adapted to our high and dry temperatures... Feticus, or Lambs' Lettuce, is a native of Europe, and cultivated as a spring salad, but in France they frequently dress it like spinach. It is so termed from its having been in repute as an early feed for lambs.</p> <p>Benefits Derived from Toads.</p> <p>A correspondent of Loudon's Magazine says, few gardeners are aware of the great good that results from these unsightly but useful animals, in a garden. Their natural food consists entirely of slugs, worms, snails, flies, and, in short, of all those vermin that the gardener is most anxious to get rid of; and yet, how many are there who ignorantly or wantonly destroy them! I tell every gardener who comes to me, that my toads are my best friends!</p>	
	Show not the bottom of your purse, nor of you mind, to every person.	

Young People of the Bible

A Series of Bible Character Stories that teach a lesson.

Joseph

Does It Pay to Do Right?

Poor Joseph! Every time he did what was right, someone played a dirty trick on him. Do you sometimes wonder if it pays to do what is right? Perhaps Joseph's story will encourage you.

Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children (Genesis 37:3). Jacob no doubt saw in Joseph qualities lacking in his other sons and even in himself, for there was nothing of deceit or guile in Joseph. He was completely open and frank. He hid nothing from his father or his brothers. He told his dreams to his brothers; and so completely were hatred and treachery removed from his nature that he had no idea that his revelations would bring out such an adverse reaction from his brothers.

Joseph was also in complete submission to his father. Jacob asked Joseph to visit his brothers and inquire about their welfare while they were away from home tending sheep (Genesis 37:13). By this time, Joseph must have been aware of his brothers' hatred and he must have heard of their treacherous and ruthless treatment of Shechem. He could only expect harsh treatment if he went to them alone and unprotected. Yet he offered no word of complaint or fear to Jacob, but did as his father commanded. His brothers responded to his concern for their welfare by selling him as a slave to traders going to Egypt.

We have seen how Joseph's character contrasted with that of his brothers. His response to Potiphar's wife shows how his behavior contrasted with that of his half-sister, Dinah. She went out into the world of her own accord, seeking social contacts. He was thrust into Egypt (a type of the world) against his will. She ended up in the house of Shechem, disgraced. He went to prison an innocent man rather than yield to temptation. Joseph's ability to refuse to listen to Potiphar's wife's suggestions was sustained by his horror of sinning against God. He was a normal young man with normal desires and reactions; he was in a strange land and, no doubt, led a very lonely personal life. But he fled temptation and suffered in prison rather than sin against God. We have no strength in ourselves to resist temptation of any kind. The Lord Jesus knows our problems; he intercedes for us and can help us. Let us dread sin so much that we flee dangerous situations before it becomes too late.

So again, Joseph did what was right and suffered for it. Joseph probably would not have escaped prison even if he had yielded. Potiphar's wife appears to have been a thoroughly treacherous woman and might have betrayed Joseph to her husband when she was tired of him. So, Joseph would still have had to endure punishment, only without the comfort of a clear conscience and the

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The Calling Of:

Nevin Nolt

My name is Nevin Nolt, age 19. . I am oldest of three brothers and I have two sisters. We live on my grandpa's farm. I deliver and install appliances for Martin Appliance here in Myerstown.

The youth from my church have a ministry for children in the city. Every Tuesday night we split up into three routes and bring the children to a store where we hold classes. Some of the biggest needs we find in city kids are love and good role models.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage youth from every background or race to support and mentor their peers. We live in a time like never before when teens look to each other for acceptance and security in gangs, cliques etc. Every one of us has an inner desire for the acceptance of others.

Every person will influence others whether they want to or not. There are few things you can do that will not affect someone else. There **is** someone you are influencing. Could it be a younger sibling, a friend at school, or whoever? These youth need a role model.

Good role models are in high demand.

Who is your hero? Who do you look up to? Are they worthy of the influence you allow them to have over you?

Others see the decisions you make, the things you like, the friends you choose, the way you drive your

car, your attitude to those in authority. Jesus said, ^{MT 18:6 in the NIV}

“But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea”. We do well to consider the



influence we have on others. As scripture says, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." So let's use the words we say to encourage and not discourage, to mend not to tear, to ease pain and not to be the cause of pain, to create and not destroy, to help and not hinder. Remember you have the power to make someone feel good about themselves. It's in your hands. You hold the key to the future for many. So let us never underestimate the influence of one. One man can change the world for good or evil. Some examples are Osama Bin Laden, Hitler, Vs. Billy Graham, Mother Teresa.

But the single Person who's had, and continues to have, the most positive influence on me and many other Christians is Jesus Christ. He is a role model you can count on and a friend who will never desert you. He has taught me that His love is

stronger than my hate. Jesus is the ultimate example of courage and nobility, as an innocent man he willingly gave his life for those that *hated* him. His love led him to the cross to die a criminal's death in our place. He longs to give us that Love for each other! But we have to love him and seek after him with all our heart. The power of love is unprecedented and vastly unexplored. The Bible says, "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold." Things like honor, duty, respect, courtesy, so easily fall by the way when we allow our selves to be ruled by pride and selfishness. The Bible says "Only by pride cometh contention."

Questions and Answers

Is it right to serve as a Juror?

What is greater than God, more evil than the devil? The rich need it and the poor have it. And if you eat it, you will die.
If you have questions or

answers, please send them to:
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For Or Against

Some time ago, I was reading in the book of Proverbs. Proverbs tells us what it is like to be wise; it also says a lot about how the fool and scorner will act. I said to myself, this is nice to know how these different classes of people are, but what makes them the way they are. Are they just born this way? I read over the book again and it dawned on me; the theme of Proverbs is to answer this question. How you respond to teaching, instruction, correction, and rebuke is the difference between being wise and being foolish.

It is absolutely impossible to learn anything at the moments that you are scorning something or somebody. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." You can either fear God and learn or you can scorn him and be a fool. Proverbs then goes on and talks of relationships to parents. Again, it is clear that he is saying, hear them and be wise, or scorn them, and the result will be foolishness. So, it goes with all of life.

Some time ago I heard a statement that I thought was worth pondering. The statement went something like this:

"Grass farmers hate grain farmers, and grain farmers hate grass farmers. Hospitals hate midwives, and midwives hate hospitals. Steeple church people hate house churches, and house churches hate steeple churches.

Chemical farmers hate organic farmers, and organic farmers hate chemical farmers.

Protestants hate Catholics, and Catholics hate Protestants.

Doctors hate herbalists, and herbalists hate doctors.

Homeschoolers hate public schools, and public schools hate homeschoolers."

The above statements are, of course, generalizations. I think the above statements would be more accurate if we would change the word hate to scorn. Read them again with the word hate changed to scorn:

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What do you think, brothers and sisters, why do we tend to respond like this? Let me share some of my thoughts on this.

The Bible makes it very clear that one of the ways that a Christian is to be known is by his love, compassion, and temperance. How do you

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The Gospel of Safe Driving



“Thou shalt not kill” with gun or
knife

‘Tis sin to take another’s life!

‘Tis also sin, you will agree,

To murder with a Mercury.

I think it would offend the Lord,

To kill a fellow with a Ford.

The same applies, I think you’ll say

To slaying with a Chevrolet.

T’would prove that love to man you lack,

To hit him with your Pontiac.

So, drive with common sense and care

Your Tempest, Falcon, or Corvair.

This instruction includes all

The foreign makes, however small.

It’s sin to murder with a car

Fiat, Rolls Royce, or Jaguar.

Thou shalt not hot rod, drag or peel

While sitting at thy steering wheel.

Excessive speeds thou shalt avoid,

Lest thou and others be destroyed,

And when thou meetest in the night

Another car, dim then thy light.

Whether thou drivest night or day

The traffic safety rules obey.

Thou shalt not pass on curve or hill

This is the law! “Thou shalt not kill.”



A Guide on Distance

The first thing to remember about tailgating is, don’t do it! The old rule to allow one car length distance per 10 M.P.H between you and the car in front is good for speeds to about 40 M.P.H. only. REMEMBER that a car moving at 68 M.P.H. travels 100 feet per second! (A sneeze closes your eyes for just that long- 100 feet). Furthermore, it takes $\frac{3}{4}$ of a second to take your foot from the gas to the brake pedal.

By remembering that 68 M.P.H.= 100

feet per second, it is easy to divide and obtain other facts, such as 34 M.P.H. = 50 feet per second. And it’s interesting to note that only 17 M.P.H. = 25 feet per second... These facts should convince the smart driver that it pays to take an additional second and increase the chances of life and safety... **DON’T TAILGATE!**

The Children's Challenge

To Charity and Cheerfulness

God Protects

One day my Dad tried to start our Jeep, but it did not start. So my Dad worked on it. As my Dad worked, he got tired in the middle of the day. So he went to bed. While Dad was sleeping it got very, very windy. My sister and I were swinging on our tree swing. We heard a big "Bang." We looked over to the Jeep, and guess what? A branch fell from

a tree in our yard, and onto our Jeep, smashing the windshield, and denting the hood! If my Dad would have been under the hood working, the hood would have slammed on my Dad and killed him, but God put him to bed.

Melvin Martin age 8

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knowledge of God's approval.

The rest of Joseph's history is familiar to us. He finally began to reap the righteousness he had sown. By the time he was thirty years old, he was second ruler in Egypt. He was given a wife who bore him two sons. And finally he was reunited with his father and brothers. Joseph's uncompromising righteousness brought him into many trials; but because of his righteousness, God was with him and he eventually prospered and prevailed over his enemies.

Remember Joseph when you are tempted to cover evil, deceive, or submit to temptation. Remember him when you are suffering for doing what is right. God only prospers us when we do things His way. Joseph had to wait many years before his blessing was complete, but he

would never have received that blessing at all if he had done anything differently. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:10).

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peace one with another." Mark 9:50
"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Romans 12:18

Shun Anger

"For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one." Job 5:2
"He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly." Proverbs 14:29
"Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools." Ecclesiastes 7:9
"A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment..." Proverbs 19:19

Drunkenness is Taboo

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:29-32
"...to add drunkenness to thirst: The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven. Deuteronomy 29:19-20

Thou Shalt Not Kill

"Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13
"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Genesis 9:6
These ... things doth the LORD hate: ... A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood," Proverbs 6:16

Learn to do Better

"He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding." Proverbs 15:32

The open road offers one of the best opportunities in our day and time for men and women to apply their Christian principles in practical matters. If we will drive like Christians, our highways will be safer and the world will be a better place in which to live.

Editor's Note:

While this article is written with rules for the road in mind, the things that are mentioned in it should be applied to all areas of our lives.

The only safe and sure way to destroy an enemy is to make him your friend.

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respond when someone disagrees with you? Is it with scorn? A big thing that the world watches is how we respond in this area.

There are three drastically different worldviews that I observe that people have. The most common one I will call the "for or against" worldview. This view usually scorns the people and things that one disagrees with.

It causes one to take an absolute position on something that is not very clear and to use all sorts of strained arguments to try to prove it. Principles are violated that are true in this process. One tends to scorn anybody that thinks differently than he or she does; although, if one would stop and think, he would still have questions about his own opinion.

If you are of the "for or against" mindset, you will be quick to think of someone as being against you if they rebuke you or disagree with you. If they support some thought of yours, you will tend to think that they are against whomever you are against.

I see a second viewpoint that is also wrong. This is a reaction to the first view, and it says to never judge — just get along with everything. The problem with this is that you end up not being allowed to really say, "This is truth, God said so."

The third viewpoint takes a view that is a lot more broadminded. This view says, "I want to learn, and follow God's ways." This view allows you to say, "I have thought about these issues, this is what I believe, and this is why. I realize, however,

that I am a finite human, and I may not be seeing the whole picture; therefore, I am eager to hear what you have to say — I might learn something from you." This view has no place at all for scorning. You can have a strong opinion and be mature enough and secure enough that you can listen with respect to the other side of an issue — and do it in a relaxed way because you have complete confidence that truth will stand. You will be completely free to agree, or disagree, with a friend and have that completely separate from the acceptance and love of the friendship. A friendship that is built on this kind of relationship will last. It will also be very beneficial to the spiritual life of all those that are near it.

Are you willing to lay your ego and your pride down, and learn from your brothers? God is asking us to quit the scorning, and to learn wisdom from him, and from everything that he brings into our lives. God's ways are true and righteous altogether.

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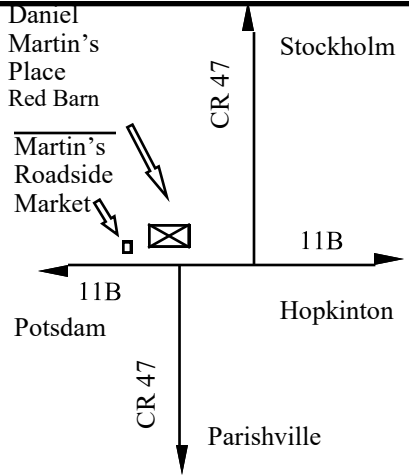
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Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind is stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength. Isaiah 26:3 -4