

Some Bumper Stickers I Like

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Everyone is supposed to know that "I" followed by a heart-shaped symbol means, "I love." They have cropped out everywhere in the form of bumper and window stickers. **"I love N.Y."** (or some other state). **"I Love My Cat."** **"I Love My Dog."** **"I Love My Truck"**. And so on without end. I was pleased to see one man's car whose bumper sticker proclaimed, **"I Love My Wife."** **Good for him!** The Bible says, *"Husbands. love your wives, and be not bitter against them"* (Colossians 3:19). Are wives to love their husbands? *"That they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children"* (Titus 2:4).

In our war on illegal drugs in this nation (a war we appear to be losing, even to this very day), we are using the slogan "Say No To Drugs." Or we use the word "drugs" with a circle around it and a slanted line through it. Young people especially are being urged to say "no" to drugs. A so-called friend usually introduces them to a product that spells the end of a normal life, the beginning of a miserable life, ending, possibly, in death. This, too, has become a common bumper and window sticker.

I saw a bumper sticker that read, "Say No To Sin." **How much better!** And how much more our young people need to be taught this! It covers it all, illegal drugs and everything else that is illegal or immoral (whether legal or not). The Bible says, *"Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you"* (James 4:7). And, *"Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world."*(1 Peter 5:8-9). And, *"Flee fornication"* (1 Corinthians 6:18). And, *"Flee from idolatry"* (1 Corinthians 10:14). And, *"But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart"* (2 Timothy 2:22). And, finally, *"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness"* (1 Timothy 6:11).

Jesus said, *"...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh"* (Matthew 12:34). He also said, *"... every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment"* (Matthew 12:36). And He ended that discourse by saying, *"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned"* (Matthew 12:37). All of this applies equally to the signs we attach to our cars and SUVs as it does to the words that fall from our lips.

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