

Use Your Signal!

by Wayne Goff

Among life's little annoyances to me are those who fail to use their turn signal while driving their car. I distinctly remember hearing two guys in high school discussing the subject. The first one said, "I don't use a turn signal because I **know** where I'm going!" The second one replied: "Silly! The turn signal isn't for you, it's for everyone else!" (True story.) It is hard to believe that even young drivers don't understand the purpose of the turn signal. It is to let everyone know where you are going, especially if their response is necessary.

For example, when coming out of our neighborhood, we often have to turn left. The light out of our neighborhood is so long that I sometimes ponder the meaning of eternity while waiting for it. Naturally, those coming across the same intersection have the option of turning right, turning left, or going straight. After waiting a long time for the light, cars across from me usually show up. If there is a car with no signal turning right or left, then I must *assume* they are coming straight, and I cannot make my left turn until they clear the intersection. Imagine my annoyance when the car across from me is *planning* on turning left but giving no signal! It causes a bit of confusion *to say the least! So dear drivers, use your turn signals **always** so that you are in the habit of letting other drivers know where you are going.*

Well, as Christians we need to use our "signals" as well. We want others to know **where we are going**. We need in our daily lives to use the "signal" of (1) letting others know we are Christians; (2) living like Christians; (3) sharing the gospel with others; (4) talking about heaven when we have the opportunity; and (5) thanking God for the many blessings we receive every day. When we do this, we are letting everyone around us know **where we are going**.

Yes, there is the danger and fear of being hypocritical. Jesus condemned those who loved to pray on the street corners to be seen of men (**Matthew 6:5**)! But that is no excuse for failing to let others know that you are truly seeking heaven as your eternal home. Who knows? By doing so, some day there might be that one soul who is willing to go with you. Be sure he sees your signal.

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