

Answer Key:

Scary Drivers...

- Overstepping
- Direct
- swerving

How to Stay in Your Lane

1. asked
2. walked
3. compare

Danger Ahead!

- Wasting
- influencing
- valuable / seasons / years
- character / behavior / development

3 practical ways to influence others...

- choose
- teach
- show

- Jealousy
- Pride
- Complaining
- behind
- perceive
- credit
- discontented
- forward
- accepting
- Adam
- praise
- spirit

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You asked for it!

Part 6

Stay in Your Lane!

1 Thessalonians 4:11 CEV

"Try your best to live quietly, to mind your own business, and to work hard, just as we taught you to do."

What should we be doing?

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Introductory Statement

The term "Stay in your lane"; what does it mean? It means, "to mind your own business" or "stick with what you know and are good at."

Which lane should I be in?

Matthew 6:33 NIV

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The pursuit of every Christian is to point others to Jesus!

Scary Drivers...

- The first scary driver is what I will call the _____ Their Role individual.
- The second type of relational bad driver, who likes to target your lane, is the _____ Hit person.
- We all should be aware of our actions and perhaps we have been guilty of _____ into someone else's life lane when they never really ever asked us to.

Driving through life is simple—pick a lane and stay in it, don't cut people off, and carry a lot of insurance.

Anonymous

You see, once Satan knows he cannot have your soul, his number one goal is to disrupt your drive—to get you in the wrong lane, chasing the wrong thing, going the wrong direction in life. Satan will do everything he can to get you to wander out of your lane into the wrong lane for your life. It may not be something BAD, but it is not God's LANE for you!

How to Stay in Your Lane

Luke 10:1-3,17,20 NLT

The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit.

² These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So, pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. ³ Now go and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.

¹⁷ When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

1. They did what Jesus _____ them to do.
2. They _____ by faith.
3. They did not _____ themselves to others.

God grew their character and tested their obedience...

You will never get to where you are going if you are lost on someone else's path.

Danger Ahead...

- _____ time!

Ephesians 5:16-17 ESV

"Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

- When you spend your precious time looking at what others are doing, you waste _____ moments, _____, and _____ away from what you need to do.

Do not waste time....

- Grow in faith and relationship with God.
- Learn who God really is to You.
- Become more like Jesus.

Bottom Line

- **Encouragement:** "Life is short — make it count."
- **Reminder** — "Life is short — enjoy every minute."
- **Negative warning:** "Life is short — don't waste it."
- The **ministry call:** "Life is short — serve the Lord."
- The **missional warning:** "Life is short — reach the nations."

Danger Ahead...

- _____ others for Christ.

- Influence: the ability to have an effect on the _____, _____, and _____ of another person.

3 John 1:11 NLT

"Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God."

3 practical ways to influence others...

- _____ them
- _____ them
- _____ them

Danger Ahead...

- _____.

1 Peter 2:1 NLT

"So, get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech."

- It changes the way people _____ others, their own life, and maybe even their perception of God's goodness and plan.

Examples of Jealousy...

- **Cain** (Genesis 4;-16)
- **Joseph** (Genesis 37)
- **Saul** (1 Samuel 15-31)

Danger Ahead...

- _____!

1 John 2:16 ESV

"For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world."

- Pride is giving ourselves the _____ for something that God has accomplished.
- Pride has kept many people from _____ Jesus Christ as Savior.
- Pride is taking the _____ that belongs to God alone and keeping it for ourselves.

God gives Satan an interesting title in Job 41:34:

"He is king over all the children of pride."

Danger Ahead...

- _____!

Philippians 2:14 Living Bible

"In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing."

- The Greek word translated "complainer" means literally "one who is _____ with his lot in life."
- The first complainer was _____ who, after he and Eve disobeyed, complained to God that "the woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it" (Genesis 3:12).
- A complaining _____ leads to fighting and quarrelling because complaints come from unfulfilled desires, which lead to envy and strife.

Danger Ahead...

- Looking _____ you.

Isaiah 43:18-19 Message

"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history.

Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new."

The enemy will use our past to keep us from moving on to the good plans that God has for us. Looking backward will never help us move forward.

Philippians 3:13 NIV

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead..."

- The Christian life is lived with our eyes facing _____ on Jesus Christ.

Don't look back! Stop dwelling on the past.