



Impatience: What drives us to do wrong?



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Driving in the Philippines is a real a test of ones nerve. You would see people left and right violating one law or another. Discipline is the least thing that you can see on the road. One may ask the question, do these people know that what they are doing is wrong or are they just ignorant of the law. I doubt the latter for I believe that they know that what they are doing is wrong they just think that no one will mind it and that they will not get caught any way.

Jay walking is one great example; people are so much in a hurry that they do not even think that they are endangering themselves by not crossing in the pedestrian crossing. Most bottle neck traffic is caused when impatient motorist go so far as to take the oncoming side of the road just to go ahead of those car that came before them. Swerving accident happens because the driver is impatient to stay in his own lane and has the urge to out run the rest of the cars on the road. A lot of red light violation is caused by people who do not want to spent time waiting for the green light to come, impatience.

This is not only limited to the life on the road. Bribery most often times is fueled by impatience, most people do not want to be



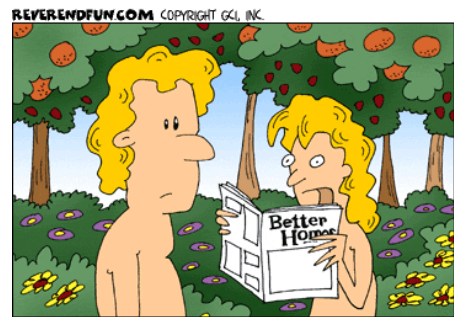
bothered by waiting in lines that they entertain fixers and offer bribe just to breeze through the usual procedures. Reading this we tend to say Christians will not be caught doing such things, but what is sad to say is that I have seen cars flaunting stickers of their faith on their cars at the same time thinking that they can get away from violating the law. This is an utter defilement of the name of the Lord.

Indeed, we do not live in a perfect world and we cannot expect that people will be able to live a holy life. But as Christians, God has given us someone to help us overcome this weakness. He has sent the Holy Spirit that through Him we may produce fruits of patience among others. For apart from the Holy Spirit we are incapable living a life pleasing in the eyes of God...

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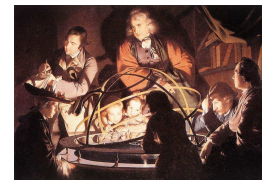
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One time I met a friend of mine and she started to ask my opinion on one topic in the bible that she had a discussion with her husband. It seems that they had different view regarding the said verses. I agreed to give her my insight on the subject that they were trying to understand. She gave me the chapter and the verse from the bible and I started to flip the pages not knowing what topic it was or how can I try to explain it to her. Upon reading the verse, I did my best to explain it to her and through the grace of God she got to understand it quite well. But this does not hide the fact that I had a hard time trying to explain to her the concept of the truth that she wanted to know. Having spent quite a time in talking with her, I excused my self as I had to freshen up a bit. It is

then that I had a word from the Lord saying, "Why are you trying to explain the truth as a concept, instead introduce me as the truth and I will do the rest."

Those words stuck to me for truly a lot of us struggle to share the word as a concept rather that a person. As it is written in the first chapter of John the Word is Christ and from His own words he addressed Himself as the truth. We cannot truly fathom the mysteries of our Lord unless He reveals it to us Himself. So rather than spending to much time trying to convince them on how much you know about Christ, why not tell them how they themselves can find Him and get to know Him.

For there is a place where you can find Him and experience Him and it is the Bible...



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