

AUTO LESSONS 46

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Jesus often used object lessons.
 - 1. Behold a Sower went forth to sow.
 - 2. What man of you having 100 sheep.
- B. They help to impress spiritual lessons.
- C. In the lesson today we want to use a familiar object-auto.
- D. After all everyone (but me and my family) came in one, and hopefully will go home in one.

BODY:

I. STEER STRAIGHT.

- A. Steering determines success and safety.
- B. When driving, important not to swerve.
- C. The way to heaven is straight and narrow.
 - 1. Matt. 7:13.
 - 2. Devil lures us- must say no.
 - 3. Lk. 9:62 **“No man having put his hand. . .”**
 - 4. Phil. 3:13-14.
- D. World as a whole does not steer straight; reasons:
 - 1. 1 Jn. 2:15. do not love the Father.
 - 2. Rom. 12:2 conform to the world.
 - 3. James 4:4 friend of the world.
- E. God instruct us not to turn- Josh. 1:7 **"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go..**

II. DON'T LET CLUTCH SLIP.

- A. Clutch connects motor to drive wheels.
- B. Heb. 2:1.
- C. Deut. 4:9, **Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,**
- D. Deut. 6:10-12 **So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, "houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant--when you have eaten and are full-- then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.**
- E. Slipping clutch gradual- spiritual slipping gradual.
- F. Fate of those who slip- Psa. 9:17 **"The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God."**

III. KEEP UP THE BATTERY.

- A. Car battery must be continually charged.
- B. If alternator goes out- short time you have trouble.
- C. Our spiritual batteries must be continually charged.
 1. Isa. 40:30-31 **Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint..**
 2. 2 Cor. 4:16.
 3. Col. 3:10.
 4. Psa. 51:10 **Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me..**
- D. That's the reason elders plan classes and services.

IV. PLENTY OF FUEL.

- A. The most beautiful and powerful car in the world is helpless without fuel.
- B. Must have spiritual strength to do great things.

C. Samson was strong because of fuel from God- Judges 16:20 **And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.**

D. Paul's fuel was Christ- Phil. 4:13 "I can do all ..."

E. Notice.

1. 1 Tim. 1:12.

2. 2 Cor. 9:8.

3. Rom. 14:4.

V. DON'T BLOW YOUR OWN HORN.

A. A horn is of value- unless abused.

B. Some boast of themselves.

1. Matt. 6:2, 5, 16.

2. Matt. 23:5.

C. Pride.

1. Psa. 73:6 **"Pride serves as their necklace."**

2. Prov. 11:2, **When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.**

3. Prov. 16:18, **Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.**

4. Prov. 21:4, **A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.**

5. 1 Jn. 2:16. **"For all that is in the world..."**

VI. OBEY LAWS.

A. Get tired of laws when driving, but for our good.

B. Auto laws should be obeyed- Rom. 13:1.

C. STOP does not mean "Slightly-Tap-On-Pedal."

D. Notice:

1. Ezra. 7:26 **Whoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily on him, whether it be death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.**
2. Titus 3:1 **Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey,**
3. Matt. 22:21 .
4. 1 Pet. 2:13-15.

VII. CHECK BRAKES.

A. Car is a dangerous machine without brakes.

B. Proper brakes help you avoid accidents.

C. Christians must have self-control.

1. Acts 24:25.

2. 2 Pet. 1:5-7.

3. Prov. 16:32 **He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city..**

D. Temptations keep on coming- just say no.

VIII. STUDY THE MAP.

A. Have you ever tried to guess the way?

B. Spiritual way may seem right but - Prov. 14:12 **"There is a way that seemeth ..."**

C. Must do the will of the Lord.

1. Matt. 7:21 **"Not everyone who..."**

2. Deut. 26:16. **This day the Lord your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.**

3. Examples:

a. Gen. 6:22 **Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him,**

b. Gen 22:2-3. Abraham to offer Isaac.

c. Josh. 11:15. **As the Lord had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the Lord had commanded Moses.**

d. Heb. 5:8. **“though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.”**

D. The word of God is the road map to HEAVEN:

IS YOUR SPIRITUAL AUTO WELL-TUNNED?