

Drive Illustration Key

Tricycle: Our spiritually dead existence apart from Christ, embracing our sinful nature and living according to our own way instead of God's way. A life of self-rule and rebellion against the gospel.

Tricycle Track: The world and everything under Satan's dominion. The place where we continually exercise our own will rather than living surrendered to Christ.

Dream Car: Faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The only vehicle that can redeem us and carry us to the kingdom of God.

Operation Manual: God's Word, the Bible.

Car Key: A truly surrendered and repentant heart that puts God first. The only way to start the Engine.

Engine: Our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Engine can only be started with the Car Key. It must be fueled to continue running and repaired when the Engine Light comes on.

Fuel: Acts of obedient devotion to God such as reading Scripture, prayer, and other spiritual disciplines.

Engine Light: A warning from the Holy Spirit that our sin has disrupted our relationship with God and requires attention.

Engine Maintenance: Holy habits of obedience that keep our relationship with the Holy Spirit healthy and strong.

Tow Truck: Satan, always seeking to take advantage and tow away those who break down after failing to fuel the Engine or ignoring the Engine Light.

Narrow Road: The path of abiding in Christ and walking in His will. A life where we are doers of the Word and not just hearers. A life that is sanctified to look more like Jesus.

Exits: Temptations from Satan that pull us off the Narrow Road and lead toward the Wide Path.

Baggage: Persistent sin struggles that make us more susceptible to taking Exits. By keeping the Engine fueled and repaired, we position ourselves to receive guidance and correction from the Holy Spirit as He sanctifies us beyond many of our greatest weaknesses.

Wide Path: The road of rebellion that leads away from the kingdom of God and back to the Tricycle Track.

U-Turns: Opportunities for repentance that take us back to the Narrow Road from the Wide Path.

Service Station: Church. A place to be spiritually refreshed, refueled, repaired, and held accountable through biblical teaching and Christ-centered community.

Road Hazard: God's discipline placed in our path to correct us and guide us back to the Narrow Road.

Car Wreck: The painful consequences of sin and the result of resisted or ignored discipline.

Stoplight: Tests of faith and God's timing. At times, we are required to wait and surrender to His will even through pain and suffering. We must strive to remain faithful by keeping the Engine fueled and resisting the pull toward any Exit.

Radio Signal: Promptings from the Holy Spirit that guide, warn, and direct us along the way.