

**Proverbs 16:2-3** “All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.”

I remember my very first car- a 1984 Renault Alliance. It was a stick shift so learning to drive it took a little extra time and even more for me because the clutch was very “particular” so I often stalled it (a few times in intersections of my hometown). It was given to me by my father when I got my license. It wasn’t the coolest car, but I loved it because it offered me the open road.

Back in the 1990’s, there was not a 6-month waiting period before you could drive non-family members in your vehicle when you were newly licensed. If you were licensed, you could pile in as many friends as you wanted. Looking back on my first year of driving I see why the DOL now makes this requirement.

One afternoon after school I drove a few of my friends home and was driving down one of the main streets in my home city of University Place. It was a four-lane road, and I was in the middle lane. I needed to get over to the outside lane, so I hit my turn signal. I looked over my shoulder but couldn’t see if anyone was in the lane I needed to be in because of my friends in the back seat. I asked them to look for me and they assured me it was clear. I began to switch lanes and sure enough, it was not clear, and I sideswiped the car next to me. In the end it was a minor accident, however I do remember the gal being very upset at me and I got a ticket as well.

The major mistake I made was trusting the kid in my backseat that was blocking my view. Even if he was not there, that angle out the back side window can be difficult to see sometimes. This is known as the “blind spot.”

The truth is we all have blind spots in our lives; places in our lives we don’t see very well. It could be a habit or practice. It could be something we do or so say so often we don’t even notice it anymore. Many times, these things are unhealthy, but the problem is, because we don’t see them, we don’t realize the impact those blind spots have on others.

I have been fortunate in my life to have good godly men around me that can point out blind spots in my life. To be honest, I don’t like to hear them because I don’t like to admit that I have some issues, but once I address them, I honestly feel much better.

The question I pose this week is simple: Who points out your blind spots? And if they do, are you willing to take it to heart and prayer? The reality is NO ONE likes to admit they have something wrong with their behavior or habits, but the hard truth is every single one of us does.

On the flip side of this, are you someone who is gracious and trustworthy enough to point out blind spots in others? Pointing these things out is not for your power or control, it is a humble act of service to offer care to someone who trusts you.

As Christians, we want to be gracious and truthful to those who we love. To serve them and offer them care to help them on their journey with Christ. Also, we need to be humble enough to receive loving advice from those who know us best and can see things in our lives that could hold us back from fulfilling God's purpose in our lives.

Let's prayerfully consider these things this week!

I love you and God loves you!

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