

## **ROBERT'S REFLECTIONS** **ROBERT'S REFLECTIONS**

### **Good For the Goose...Good for the Gander**

Men have complained about women drivers for so long. Sometimes it is justified...often it is too broad a generalization. So here is an account of a woman returning the favor!

"I tell you, men drivers are a hazard to traffic. Driving to work this morning on Highway 11, I looked over to my left and there's this man in a Mustang doing 95 miles per hour with his face up next to his rear view mirror... shaving! I couldn't believe it!"

"I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back, he's halfway over in my lane. Scared me so bad I almost dropped my eyeliner pencil in my coffee."

That story certainly SOUNDS true! Jaipaul & I were on our way to an appointment on a Sunday last year, when we were almost run over by a boy, travelling East on Hwy. 72. He was texting. Never even looked up! He moved into our lane and I barely had enough time to swerve to the right to avoid the collision. I looked in the rear view mirror after we passed, and he was still driving in the turning lane. I was both angry and scared. But I have been guilty of looking at my phone to find a number while driving, and have run off the road myself.

It is apparent that a lot of us have a problem with complaining about others when we do the very same things! That's what Jesus was talking about in **Matthew 7:1-2** "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

Before we criticize someone's behavior or their attitude, we need to make double sure that we are not guilty of the same behavior or attitude ourselves. It is easy to find fault in others. It is even easier to overlook those same faults in ourselves.

Key in on the phrase, "**you will be judged!**" There are numerous times that similar warnings are given. In essence we will be judged as harshly as we have judged others. If something applies to them, it also must apply to me. As the old American proverb goes, "What's good for the goose is also good for the gander" (male goose).

It is clear that one day we will be judged! **2 Corinthians 5:10** "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." It is very clear that we must be ready for that day! In order to be ready, we have to work on being gracious, forgiving and consistent in our Christian walk. Of course that applies to driving, too.

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