

Road Signs For Relationships

Part I; April 23, 2017

“Yield: No One Likes A Road Hog!”

“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...**” – Philippians 2:1-5 (NIV)

Relational “yielding” means: **Think of others first!**

When you think of others first:

It models the nature of Jesus.

It brings others surprising joy.

It opens the hearts of others to you.

It creates a more generous environment.

You will more readily receive from others.

Yield to bless, not to manipulate!

“**If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else?** Even pagans do that. But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.” – Matthew 5:47-48 (NLT)

Be willing to go first!

“After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, ‘Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because it is true. **And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.**” – John 13:12-15 (NLT)

Make sure your attitude matches your action!

“**Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.**” – 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

**Yielding accomplishes nothing
if they know you don't mean it!**

**Yielding to others begins
with yielding to Christ.**

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” – Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

“**The greatest among you must be a servant.**” – Matthew 23:11 (NLT)