

WISDOM SESSION

Being Able to Yield is a Sign of Strength

“Those who desire to lead must first learn to respect authority and obey.”

While driving down a country road, a man came to a very narrow bridge. In front of the bridge, there was a sign that read, “Yield.” Seeing no oncoming cars, the man continued across the bridge and to his destination. On his way back using this same route, he came to the same one-lane bridge, now from the opposite direction. To his surprise, he saw another “Yield” sign posted there.

Curious, he thought, I’m sure there was one positioned on the other side. Sure enough, when he reached the other side of the bridge and looked back, he saw the sign. Yield signs had been placed at both ends of the bridge, obviously with the intent that drivers from both directions were requested to give each other the right-of-way. It was a reasonable and doubly sure way to prevent a head-on collision.

If you find yourself in a combative situation with someone who has more authority than you – or equal authority – it is always wise to yield to him or her. If that person does have more authority, a lack of submission will put you into a position to be punished or reprimanded. If you are of equal authority, an exercise of your power will only build resentment in a person better kept as an ally. As the Bible says, we are to “prefer one another” (Romans 12:10).

- God’s Little Devotional Book for Teens

*“Show respect for everyone. Love Christians everywhere. Fear God and honor the government.”
-1 Peter 2:17*

TTP- Trust The Process

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