

CHAPLAINS' CORNER

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A Racer's Rules to Live By

Last Saturday night our local drivers picked up more than 75 copies of the **Racer's Prayer** dashboard prayer reminder after the driver meeting. We've been emphasizing the three F's of Faith, Family and Fast Cars in drivers' meetings and right here in the Chaplains' Corner. So, we're excited that you're excited about getting those three priorities in the right order in your life! We happily anticipate a great season of hot and honest action out on that clay oval.

[If you missed out on that vinyl stick on prayer card, ask one of us, and you will receive!]

When you come right down to it, that prayer card sums up what is spelled out in the Ten Commandments in the Bible. Just to refresh your memory, God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses when he was hanging out on a mountaintop desperate to hear something from God that would help him govern close to two million feisty people on a long road trip back home. You see they had just come out of Egypt where they served as slaves for hundreds of years. They'd been ordered around all their lives. They'd been forced to worship every sort of idol, animal and heavenly body you can name. Now that they were free, they didn't know to act. They didn't know how to get along with each other without quarreling. They didn't have their priorities in order—God first, family second, me third. Although liberated, they were a mess.

Christians are like that. Before we invite Jesus into our hearts we are slaves of Satan. He lies to us that we are self-made while he directs our every move. Then, when we become Christians we're free but we don't immediately know just how to act. It's a learning process. "What does this God who loves me and gave himself for me want from me?"

The Ten Commandments offer us a time-tested guide to live by. But, since they were written long ago for another culture, when we read them in the Bible [Exodus 20:1-17] they might strike some as a little starchy and hard to understand. This past week a long time engine builder and racecar owner slipped me the *Ten Commandments Of A Racer*. Wow, they sure speak our language. Read them carefully and take them to heart. They're easy for racers to get a handle on and apply to our lives.

Ten Commandments Of A Racer

1. Just one God
2. Honor yer Ma and Pa.
3. No tellin' tales or gossipin'.
4. Git yerself to Sunday meetin'.
5. Put nothin' before God.
6. No foolin' 'round with another feller's gal.
7. No killin'.
8. Watch yer mouth.
9. Don't take what ain't yers.
10. Don't be hankerin' fer yer buddy's stuff.

It all comes down to one statement. Lets all treat each other the way we would like to be treated.

God bless you,
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