

Personal Liberty Is Only Relative

The white line that runs down through the middle of the pavement is a symbol of a basic principle of law in modern government.

The taxpayer who provides the funds for the construction of the pavement pays for as much cement on one side of the road as he does for cement on the other side. According to that philosophy, he earns thereby the right to drive anywhere on the road that may suit his fancy.

Obviously, however, if every man drove wherever he pleased—if he exercised complete personal liberty on the basis of his economic investment—our whole traffic system would be reduced to chaos.

We therefore, sacrifice the right to drive on both sides of the road as we please, and as the whim of the moment might dictate, in order to gain the right to ride on one side of the road in safety.

This is the basis of all law in civilized life. We sacrifice lesser liberties for the purpose of insuring ourselves in the exercise of larger liberties. Proceeding on this principle, therefore, it can be said that there is no such thing as absolute personal liberty in the modern world.

... If each of us lived lives completely insulated from the lives of all other people there might be some force in the argument of "personal liberty." But we do not live in that kind of a world.

Experts, for example, declare that the cost of automobile insurance to the non-drinker could be reduced tremendously if it were not necessary to protect the insurance company against the losses incurred by the drinking driver.

No man has the personal liberty to assess the costs of his personal habits to the public in general.

—Roy L. Smith

*Is anybody in church today because
you asked him to come?*

Someone's Watching

Leaders in church work must be above reproach in their conduct at work, at home, and at church. They must ever be alert to their actions because they are known as church workers and Christians.

They are expected to be above the average person in their daily living, and most of them are. But occasionally a church worker inadvertently does something that attracts attention—and causes others to falter. Since church leaders are watched and their examples followed, they ought to be ever mindful of the places their feet walk, the words their tongues speak, and their companions.

—Bellevue Baptist



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AIMWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ridgeway, South Carolina

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice".."I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

THE PREPARATION "Come unto Me All Ye that Labor"
CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. J. L. Coleman
DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
INTERLUDE
RESPONSIVE READING SELECTION 11
HYMN 385 "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"
SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 73
ORGAN MEDITATION
MORNING PRAYER
HYMN 359 "Sweet Hour Of Prayer"
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERTORY Tithes and Offerings
MEMORY HYMN "He Leadeth Me"
SERMON "Backsliding"
PRAYER
HYMN 280 "Just As I Am, Thine Own To Be"
INVITATION
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

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MEN OF THE CHURCH MEETING

Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M. at the Church. Come with a good appetite. Supper will be served.

SPECIAL INVITATION

The Rector and the Congregation of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Ridgeway, South Carolina invites you to be present at the dedication service and opening of their Parish House on Sunday, August 4, 1957 at 5:30 P.M.

Please extend this invitation to your congregation also, at Services July 28 and August 4.

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SESSION MEETING

There will be a session meeting on Tuesday evening following the Men of the Church meeting. The Session will meet in the Pastors' Study.

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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

We welcome to our Community Mr. and Mrs. Bowers. They have moved to our town and are comfortably located in the superintendants home. Everyone is asked to visit these new friends and to welcome them personally to our town.