

Stay in Your Own Lane

I've lived in Atlanta and San Francisco. Both cities are notoriously remembered for the impact traffic has on lifestyle.

But I-4 in Orlando delivers another level of bad traffic. I feel my greatest opportunity to meet Jesus quickly is to enter the fray called I-4 – it's dodge cars at a high rate of speed.

I watch with eyes wide open as the inevitable lane-changers seek to add my fender to their door. Lane changing on I-4 comes at great speed and at a time when it is least expected. I remember a trip last week when I literally saw the whites of the driver's eyes as he made a sharp left turn of his steering wheel into my lap.

I'm fairly certain that a Florida driver's license requires a signature and pledge to "change lanes as often as possible and especially if there is no room to do so." I think we get chocolate at the toll booth for lane changing heroics. I may have heard that *National Geographic* is working on a new reality show called "So You Think You Can Drive?" Or perhaps it was the new season of *Survivor: I-4*. No voting occurs at a campfire, they just haul you away in a wrecker.

Leaders know the dangers of lane changing. We can't be headed in one direction today only to change lanes and direction tomorrow.

We can't focus if we are continually changing lanes. There are many well-meaning people willing to share ideas about how to do this or that.

There are blogs and books and lecture series. Everyone seems to have their own idea about how to lead well.

I'm reminded of all the golf lessons I have received. Everyone

offers a new shiny object and method for golf improvement.

Improvement occurs in your own lane. Do what you do and be slow to shift.

The Holy Spirit will lead you down a narrow lane.

A double-minded driver is unstable in all of his lanes.

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Today's Scriptures

"A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8).

"Then I shall not be ashamed, when I have my focus on all Your commandments" (Ps. 119:6).

Platform Tip No. 82

When you provide your message long enough with consistent

content and frequency, your audience will be able to draw their own conclusions about what to do next.

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