

Finding Your Lane

A. Introduction

A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea or make a comparison.

B. Biblical Foundation

1 Corinthians 12:12-28, Romans 12:4-5, Ephesians 1:22-23, 3:6, 4:4, 12, 16, Colossians 1:18, 2:19

C. Finding Your Lane-a new metaphor

Introduction to this idea: *Our goal is to find our lane and obey the traffic rules.*

D. Pitfalls

1. Speeding Romans 12:10

2. Stopping in the lane or going too slow Romans 12:3-8.

3. Being in the wrong lane/being tempted to change lanes 2 Corinthians 10:13

New Living Translation: "But we will not boast of authority we do not have. Our goal is to stay within the boundaries of God's plan for us, and this plan includes working there with you."

4. Parked on the side of the road Jeremiah 23:36, Malachi 1:1, 2 Corinthians 11: 23-28, Acts 20:22-24.

5. Our Goal: clearly know your lane. Drive safely, soberly. Be in it for the long haul.

D. Conclusion

Ephesians 5:15-17 (J. B. Phillips): "Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the evils of these days. Don't be vague but grasp firmly what you know to be the will of the Lord."