

Keeping life between the lines makes for nicer ride

It was a great graduation gift! My parents gave me a 1981 CJ-5 Jeep. There was nothing like driving under the Colorado sky in that vehicle. Driving up into the mountains with the top and doors off was incredible. It provided a lot of memories for me.

There was one problem with that model though. Icy snow packed roads didn't make for peaceful travel. When the roads were covered with snow or ice, you never knew where you might end up.

At times, it was like trying to dig your car keys out of your pocket while you're wearing heavy mittens. It just doesn't work too good.

All this hot weather is making me think about snow. There was one time I spun-out on I-25. I was being careful — I knew it was slick — but



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I started sliding anyway. A highway patrolman saw what happened and came over and told me that I was the worst driver. Can you believe he would have the nerve to say that to a 19-year-old? It is OK; I am not bitter.

You know life can be like driving in a lot of ways. As long as you keep the vehicle in the right lane and you're aware of what is happening around you, usually you can make it through challenging situations. It is when you get out of the lines and

the lines. Just read one chapter of Proverbs a day, and you will get a wealth of markers to keep you on the right path. I want to give you some principles to live by to help you on your journey.

Just remember as you travel this journey of life, travel light, and remember God isn't worried so much about your perfection as He is your direction.

So here are some principles to live by:

- Don't say anything about some-

one you wouldn't say to them. Jesus gives a great teaching on conflict in Matthew 18:15-20 that if followed can ease a lot of pain of "second hand knowledge."

It's called killing the rumor weed. It is not allowing gossip to become a part of your life either as bearer or as the hearer. So next time you're tempted to talk about someone, go to the individual first and work on reconciliation. If someone comes to you with some information, tell them to visit with the individual they are concerned about.

- I love it when I hear my kids saying this one: There are things I need to know and things I want to know. Let me ask you, how often do you find yourself probing about stuff you don't really need to know about? It is a freeing principle that

will keep you out of the cookie jar, if you know what I mean.

- Time is precious. Often we don't need to work harder; we need to work smarter. How smart are you working on the job? Do you use the resources at work to help you or to distract you?

- When you say you will pray for someone, pray for them right then. We all have good intentions on that one, but let's face it, how often have we forgotten to actually pray for that person we said we would? Do it then, and enjoy the presence of God while you pray with them.

- Here is a big one — Always have integrity over convenience. Your integrity is the most important thing you have. If you lose it, it is a big hole to fill. It has been said, "Integrity takes a lifetime to build and just a

moment to lose." Always guard your integrity.

- One more — It is tough to keep a full cup steady. You have to learn to say, "No." Why don't you practice real quick? Feels good doesn't it? Make sure you aren't saying "no" to God, your spouse, your family and "yes" to a bunch of other stuff that in the end won't leave you a heritage.

Those are just a few thoughts for you to chew on this weekend. I might not know you, but I can tell you this, you are special, and God wants you to know Him more.

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Some warranty offers have been deceptive

Dear Attorney General Kline:

Last week, I received a postcard offering me an extended warranty on my vehicle. Initially, I thought the postcard was from my local dealer because it had a warranty department label. However, upon a closer look, the name of the dealer is nowhere to be found. It states my warranty is "about to expire" or "has already" expired. My car is getting older and could need some repairs soon, so should this be a cause for concern?

Dear Kansas Consumer:

The first step you should take when receiving a suspicious mailing inviting a consumer transaction is call the Better Business Bureau. Their nationwide database will confirm whether others have filed a complaint against the company sending you the mailing.

If the bureau has a negative report on the company, a complaint should be filed with my Consumer Protection Division. My team will then review the solicitation to determine if it violates the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. To get the process started, please visit our web site at www.ksag.org or call (800) 432-2310.

It cannot be said that all extended warranty solicitations violate Kansas law. But your question does describe a pattern of deception evident in some "extended-warranty" mailings. My Consumer Protection Division recently collected \$5,000 in civil penalties from a Missouri-based company that mass mailed postcards into Kansas containing deceptive wording similar to your example.

In that case, the company pitched itself as a "warranty department" and described the recipient as a "valued customer." The mailer also claimed to have records indicating the "manufacturer's warranty" was about to expire or had expired. The mailing violated the Kansas Consumer Protection Act in at least two counts:

1. By referring to the Kansas recipient as a "valued customer," the



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warranty company attempted to build upon a relationship that it did not actually enjoy.

2. By claiming it held unique records with information revealing the car's warranty status, the warranty company misrepresented that fact that all it held was a purchased mailing list of "likely car owners."

These deceptions proved costly. I urge Kansans receiving similar deceptive mailings to send them to my Consumer Protection Division.

Kansas consumers are urged to keep the following in mind when shopping for an aftermarket auto warranty:

- Investigate a company with the Better Business Bureau, my Consumer Protection Division and the Consumer Protection Division in the state where the company is headquartered.

- Shorter terms that are renewable may be better than a long term commitment. Bankruptcies have plagued the aftermarket warranty industry.

- Ask your mechanic to review the terms and determine if the contract offers protections worth buying. Some are not.

Call my Consumer Protection Line (785) 296-2424 and listen to the messages recorded at category 4, message 5, and category 2, message 7, for more information on this topic.

Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help you avoid becoming a victim of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions.

For information or to file a complaint, write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., Second Floor, Topeka, Kan. 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, (800) 432-2310.

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The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Sherman County District Court:

Pablo Miguel Hernandez and Karla Valeria Luna, both of Goodland.

Dennis Lee Snethen and Rosemarie Elizabeth Saunders, both of Goodland.

Israel Esquivel and Monique Lanea Pottorff, both of Burlington. Zachery Allen Potterf and Shasta Dawn Olsen, both of Goodland.

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Sunday: 4 pm

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Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

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Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

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1116 Sherman
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Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
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Morning Worship: 10:45 am
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Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

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Call church for information
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Mon. and Tues. 890-3320

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Sunday: Worship: 9:30 am
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Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11 am

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13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Pastor: Scott Grimshaw
Sunday: Christian eduction/fellowship:
10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

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401 Caldwell
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Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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