

Reminder at a stop sign

A minister was scheduled to speak at an all-day conference. He failed to set his alarm, however, and he overslept.

In his haste to make up for lost time, he cut himself while shaving. Then, he discovered his shirt was not ironed and scorched it because the iron was too hot.

To make matters worse, as he ran out to his car he noticed that he had a flat tire.

Disgusted and distraught, by the time he finished changing the tire he was an hour behind schedule. Nevertheless, the minister felt encouraged when he was finally “under way.” He figured that if he hurried, he might be only a few minutes late for the first session.



He raced through town, failing to notice a stop sign along the way. As he rushed through, he caught a glimpse of a policeman who, sure enough, stopped him.

Jumping out of his car, the agitated minister said sharply, “Go ahead and give me a ticket. Everything else has gone wrong today.”

The policeman quietly responded, “I used to have days like that before I became a Christian.”

The lesson is obvious for us. Your Christian witness lies far more in your everyday lifestyle than in what you have to say about your Christianity.

People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.

For the tree is known and recognized and judged by its fruit (Matthew 12:33 AMP).

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