

Signposts Taken Down

On the evening of Feb. 6, 1996, three friends drove the rural roads east of Tampa, Fla., with the intent of playing pranks.

Tragically, their game was anything but funny. They pulled some 20 street signs out of the ground, including the stop sign at one fateful intersection.

The next day, three 18-year-old buddies who had just finished bowling breezed through that intersection without stopping. Their car sailed into the path of an eight-ton truck, and they were all killed.



One year later, according to the *Associated Press*, the three perpetrators of the deadly prank were convicted of manslaughter. In June of 1997, they stood in orange jail jumpsuits and handcuffs before a judge in a Tampa courtroom, weeping and wiping their eyes, and were sentenced to 15 years in prison.

It is a dangerous thing with tragic consequences for anyone to take down a signpost on the highway. It is no less dangerous for anyone to vandalize the signposts that God puts on the highway of life.

When we honor God's commandments, we point the way to the signposts of life. If we dishonor God's commandments, we can unwittingly lead others to destruction.

– Beecher Hunter