

The Chauffeur's Right Answer

There once was a wealthy man who found himself without a chauffeur.

He placed an ad in the local newspaper and insisted on meeting every qualified candidate. To each eager man who was interviewed, he presented the same scenario:

“My summer home is high up in the mountains, far away from the distractions of city life, but it is so remote that some of the roads we must take to get there are quite treacherous.”

And then this millionaire would ask, “How close to the edge of the road would you be able to drive safely?”



Some said they could drive within a few inches of the edge. Others said they were so confident in their driving ability that they could balance the outside tires right on the brink.

Finally, one man answered, “Oh, I wouldn't want to get close to the edge. My job would be to keep the car – and you – as far away from danger as possible.”

The wealthy man smiled and hired his new chauffeur on the spot.

The story illustrates an important point: When it comes to temptation – and it comes to all of us – our goal should never be to see how close to the edge we can get; instead, we should strive to see how far away we can stay.

God promises that when we face temptation, He will provide a means of escape. First Corinthians 10:13 assures us, “God is faithful, and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape so that you are able to bear it.”

So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:12 HCSB).

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