

Voice of the Little Woman

Writing in *Focus on the Family*, Rolf Zettersten shares a story about a good friend named Edwin in North Carolina who bought a new car with a voice-warning system.

At first, Edwin was amused to hear the soft female voice gently remind him that his seat belt wasn't fastened. He affectionately called this voice "the little woman."

Edwin soon discovered, however, that his little woman was programmed to warn him about his gasoline. "Your fuel is low," she said one time in her sweet voice. Edwin nodded his head and thanked her.

He figured he still had enough to go another 50 miles, so he kept on driving. But a few minutes later, her voice interrupted again with the same warning. And so it went over and over. Although he knew it was the same recording, Edwin thought the voice sounded harsher each time.

Finally, he stopped his car and crawled under the dashboard. After a quick search, he found the appropriate wires and gave them a good yank.

So much for the little woman.

He was still smiling to himself a few miles later when – you guessed it! – his car began sputtering and coughing. He ran out of gas.

Somewhere inside the dashboard, Edwin was sure he could hear the little woman laughing.

People like Edwin learn before long that the little voice inside, although ignored or even disconnected, often tells them exactly what they need to know.

Are you listening – and acting?

– Beecher Hunter