

Speeding Defiles our Garment¹

When we became a new creation, old things passed away and all things became new. The old things we did before linger; they are present in our flesh. These things make us unclean. Such things as folly or foolishness make us unclean. We're clean. We put on a new garment. If we persist in old ways it makes us unclean. Then we are like we were before we were saved, in regard to our Father not being able to hear any of our prayers except, "Father, forgive me." We have to judge ourselves.

Mk 7:14-23 — There are a lot of things that make us unclean and keep our Father from hearing our prayers, like knowing the natural law and not doing it. Jms 4:17 — For instance, breaking the speed limit. We obey the natural law. "Speed kills," is a saying in America. There are statistics that show that when you go past a certain limit, many more people are killed. In nations where there is no speed limit there are more accidents.

There are a lot of things that make a person unclean. Mk 7:21-22 — The last thing mentioned there is foolishness. Folly means being heedless; you don't heed what you know is right. Folly is a lack of good sense. If you do something foolish you haven't been trained well. There is a lack of good sense, understanding, and foresight regarding what your folly will cause, seeing the consequences. To be foolish is ruinous. You ruin others' lives. How can you pay it back? What can you offer to bring someone back to life, or to give him his legs back? It means also that there is no regard for the outcome of your foolishness. You are not paying attention to the warning you received. In this state you'll never be able to do what our Father saved you to do.

Also, if you are in this state you can't come together in a minchah with everyone else who is clean. Whatever makes us unclean inside or outside disqualifies us from the minchah. We can't come here with any defilement. These are the things that defiled the garment of many in Sardis. Some were defiled because of folly, foolishness. There is

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something unclean in us that makes us love to do it. We don't care about others, but just about our own good feelings. Hopefully, we are learning, and when we fall we pray we never would fall into that again.

The Greek says recklessness, carelessness. Our Master Yahshua said that what defiles a man comes from within. We have to learn to put away this old thing.

Before he was saved, Haggai speeded down this small road in France. There were people on both sides of the road. I told him that an evil spirit was dominating him. He came to an end of his folly and recklessness. Later, he came to Sus and was saved. He hasn't persisted in the folly of the "speed demon" (as they call it even in the world). 180, 200, 220 km/h — this is evil. Such a person won't enter the nations or the Kingdom. I'll stand in the gate. They are risking other people's lives. Don't go toward the world in speeding, but also don't go so slow as to risk a life.

Let's learn and stay within the perimeters of what is proper and sound. Otherwise, our Father won't protect us. We, the saints, can't be guilty of what the nations are guilty of. I don't care if they recommend 130 km/h on the interstate in Germany. I don't think that's right. 110 km/h (~68 mph) is fast enough. It's easier on me to drive like that. You are in control. You feel better. Your children are back in the back seat sleeping. You can't imagine the horror stories of people killing their children in car accidents.

Be your brother's keeper if he is speeding. Something starts feeling bad in you when the driver goes past a certain speed. That's good. That is our Father. Our Father is good. Even in the world you have to go against something basic if you are speeding. No, it's not that if they go fast one time they're worthy of the lake of fire; it's if they persist in it. You will see it in the rest of their lives.

If someone doesn't keep the traditions, don't talk to him (2 Ths 2:15; 3:6). Don't have anything to do with such people. They don't build the nation. They destroy it. Rev 3:3 — He kept on going past that still small voice. "You don't know the hour I'll come

upon you.” You are going to have a wreck. If you can’t learn by hearing, you have to learn by a catastrophe.

In Yehudah we had to take people’s driving privileges away for six months to a year. There could be no partiality. Even respected leaders had their driving privileges taken away. They were doing wrong. We may have to do that here if someone persists in driving too fast.

Self-control is a fruit of the spirit. If you don’t have self-control, where is the Spirit? If our spirit is connected to our Master we have self-control. Don’t let the old man come in and take over and dominate us. Your spirit is connected to your soul. Your spirit sees everything. It is the lamp of the body.

We’re talking about love. Isn’t it love to think of others more than ourselves?

“Wow, he really goes fast when he drives!” Our children think it’s great, exciting, but it’s an evil spirit — *rasha*. The righteous never make haste. Let’s leave on time so we can get there. If the righteous don’t make haste, and if we make haste, it just means that we are not righteous. I mean worldly haste. You can’t be righteous and make haste.

You have to be your brother’s keeper. If you don’t keep him, you don’t love him. If he speeds, gently remind him that he is going faster than your conscience allows. We have also the Holy Spirit. We don’t belong to ourselves, but to Him who bought us.