

# Life in the Fast Lane



Building Blocks of Breakthrough: Getting Past the Roadblocks

## *Got your b.....b.....balance?*

Have you ever noticed it's never your VW bug that runs out of gas but, inevitably, the huge, honkin', Ford Explorer SUV? And, while you and your hubby, boyfriend or Mom are pushing that up an incline toward the service center, you have plenty of time to thoroughly self-analyze (a regular "Dr. Phil" of respite). *"Just why did I ever ignore that little red light – in my mind it's now an infrared beacon – and whiz right on past the Texaco station? Aargh!"* Suddenly you reach the top of the hill and, YES, can pretty much run alongside the SUV faster...faster...until you and the car have completely lost control/balance as Mom, hubby, etc., whoever is steering the crazy thing, wave farewell. All that remains is to pray that you, the car and Mom...reach the bottom unscathed. Are we out of control, out of balance or what??

### **A side story...**

My Dad tells a tale about hitching a U-Haul trailer to his car and, a few miles later, watching in utter shock as it flew past him down a steep hill. Miraculously, the trailer slammed into a curb between two parked cars. (He hitched it back and went on). Yikes!

Are we moving full speed ahead – thinking it is for God – only to discover we have lost our balance and control? When our kids were teenagers, they came to Bill and me one day and asked why we cared more about church than them. Believe me, that was a big-time wakeup call. Thinking we were totally pleasing God by working all of us to a frazzle, we had lost our balance! Fortunately, our kids felt comfortable enough to communicate their feelings and we made some adjustments.

Can we stop that manic, headlong flight down the hill? Sometimes, we do needful things in the ministry because they need to be done – not because God asked us to do them. In our frantic pace to please God, we can be like the U-Haul trailer - disconnected from the source - we are headed for a pileup at the curb.

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What a heart we have to serve our Savior! And, He knows the intent of our hearts. Just think what 5-10 minutes of daily prayer, communion and meditation with the Lord can accomplish to discover His heart. Let's spend our time productively performing His perfect will in our lives. Jesus, in speaking to the Apostle John in Revelations 3:20 says, *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."*

Are you dining with the Lord Jesus Christ...talking things over...sharing your life...seeing what He has to say? It may surprise you. God always surprises me with the limitless nature of His understanding, love and compassion.

## A Few Time-saving Suggestions:

- Evaluate your priorities on a regular basis
- Pray and discover where God is placing you for this point in time
- Spend quality time with your family - communicate
- Slow it down and take some moments each day for you

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