

The Parable of the Two Drivers

To some who were confident of their own driving ability and looked down on everybody else, the teacher told this parable:

"Two men went to the state office to renew their driver's license. One was very confident in his ability, but the other knew that he could not control every situation that might occur on the road.

Each one, as they talked to the clerk while she prepared the license tags, gave an opinion about their view of driving.

The first pronounced in a loud voice, 'Thank God I am not like other drivers – those that speed, weave, cut people off, put on their makeup, and leave their blinker on as they drive along – or even like that geek over there. I drive defensively, and watch out for the bozos that are making the road so hazardous!'

‘But the tax collector spoke in low tones about his driving. He paid attention and did the best that he could, but he knew that he was capable of making a mistake and worried that someday he might accidentally hurt someone. His head hung in a prayerful attitude as he said, “God, protect me and those around me as I drive!”

"I tell you that the clerk was much more impressed by the attitude of the second man, rather than the other, and knew that he would have much less of a chance of a major accident. She was amazed at the difference in the two, but prayed that God would watch over both of them."

See Luke 18:9-14