

**“Good to the Right”  
Week 42**

My mom is often my co-pilot when I’m driving. When I stop at a stop sign, she usually says, “Good to the right,” indicating that no cars are coming from that direction. (Don’t worry—I check to the left!) I appreciate having an extra set of eyes scanning the traffic at these intersections. I am so used to having Mom say “good to the right” in these situations, that on the occasional time she doesn’t say anything, I will clear my throat and teasingly look at her until she makes her pronouncement.



Recently I’ve been thinking about Mom’s words in light of the intersections I face in life. God not only checks to the right, but also to the left, forward, and backward for us. God is omniscient and therefore has perfect knowledge of how a choice will affect us now and in the future, as well as how our choice might affect others. God is the perfect One to give me direction at every intersection of life.

Here is the question: How good am I at stopping and waiting for God’s direction before I proceed? Waiting is difficult, and I sometimes barrel right through a situation, relying on my own wisdom, instead of stopping and asking God for His. The Bible instructs us to “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5). Trusting in God wholeheartedly means learning to lean away from my normal human tendency to tell God “I’ve got this,” and instead to lean toward God, be still, and await His guidance before moving forward. Proverbs 3:6 promises that when we “acknowledge God in all [our] ways,” God will “make [our] paths straight.” At all the intersections of life, may we depend upon God’s perfect vision and await His “good to the right” before we pull out into traffic.

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**Scripture:**

Proverbs 3:5

Proverbs 3:6

James 1:5

Psalm 37:5

Psalm 25:4

Jeremiah 6:16a

Psalm 119:105