

1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)

Be careful how you live among your unbelieving neighbors. Even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will believe and give honor to God when he comes to judge the world.

The following is an excerpt from a daily devotional I received.

I was sitting at a stoplight today, and the lady in front of me was distracted and when the light turned green, she didn't go. "Green is a command not a suggestion," I said aloud to myself. The light turned red and she still had not moved, so in anger and disbelief, I began yelling in my car and smacking the steering wheel. But I was interrupted by a policeman tapping on my window. To make a long story short, I protested, and he ordered me into the backseat of his car, where I then was taken to a holding cell for two hours. Finally, he came to me and said, "You're free to go." "I knew you couldn't arrest me for yelling in my own car," I told him. The officer replied, "I didn't arrest you for shouting in your car. I was behind you at the light, and I saw you screaming and beating your steering wheel, and I said to myself, 'What a jerk!' But I can't do anything to someone throwing a fit in their car, but I saw the 'Jesus is Coming Soon' bumper sticker, and the Fish symbol, and I thought the car must have been stolen."

How often do we mess up not thinking about those around us who are watching? Sure, we are just human and we will make mistakes. But how many times are these really mistakes, verses real rebellion against how God tells us to live? We want to be, and try to be living examples of Jesus. So as you go on about your day, keep in the back of your mind, "would Jesus do or say such a thing" before you do it. If not, then it's probably something you shouldn't be doing as well.

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