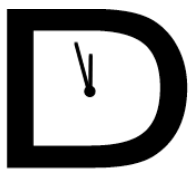


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Why is it that whenever you see a police car coming towards you while driving, you get a little stressed out?

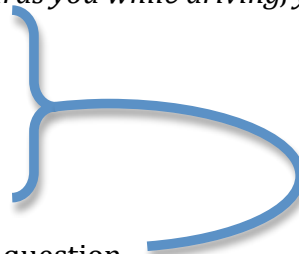
Have you ever gone over the speed limit?

Ever rolled through a stop sign?

Ever ran a red light?

Ever ran an amber light?

Ever changed lanes or turned without signaling?



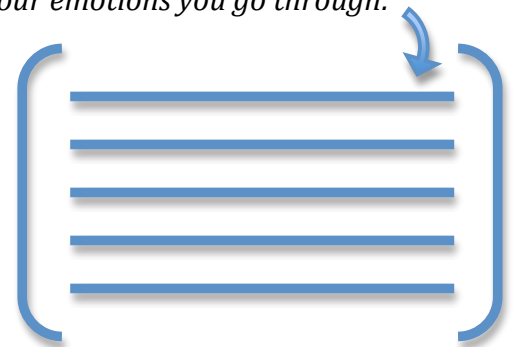
Perhaps those answers explain your answer to the first question.

You know that you have been guilty of violating the law on more than one occasion.

Breakaway Discussion

- 1. What does it feel like to be pulled over and given a ticket? List your emotions you go through:*
- 2. How closely to the letter of the law should we obey?*
- 3. Answer that now, assuming we lived in a perfect world?*

Read Romans 13:1-14



Read it, Receive It

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The What: Verse 1 – Obey the Government

The How: Verse 3 – Do what they say

Verse 6 – Pay your taxes

The Why: Verse 4 – Punishment from the Government

Verse 2 – Disobeying the government = disobeying God.

Verse 5 – Two reasons: (1) avoid punishment; (2) keep a clear conscience.

So, do you feel slightly guilty if you are doing 60km/h around town? (Speed limit 50km/h)

Driving the speed limit you'll always be (1) avoiding punishment, and (2) keeping a clear conscience. Sometimes for us to realize we're disobeying the law, it takes someone saying orally what God has already been saying by His Spirit all along.

Jesus acknowledged and obeyed even the menial laws:

Matthew 17:24-27 Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus is exempt from the temple tax (an acknowledgement of and an offering for sin) because: (1) He is the Son of God (sons of the king don't pay the tax); (2) He is sinless; (3) the Temple tax may have been an abuse of the original census/sin offering from **Exodus 30:11-16** What is Jesus' attitude toward the laws He knew were just silly?

*What areas of disobedience to the laws of this world do **you** need to work on?*