

## Driving on Cruise Control

*“But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, ‘Arise and go South to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a desert road.) And he arose and went...” Acts 8:26, 27a*

If you’re around my age, or older, you may recall the days of driving before cruise control; you had to be constantly vigilant, so that you could maintain your speed at a constant rate. It wouldn’t do just to “go with the flow,” for other cars would either be going slower, or faster. Even if you were alone, sometimes you perceived your speed to be too slow, even when you were exactly on the speed limit, or you felt you were on the mark, but were actually speeding up.

I like cruise control. You set your desired speed, take your foot from the gas pedal and go about watching the road, confident that your speed will remain constant. It removes a lot of stress from the trip and, regardless of how fast you *perceive* you are going, a glance at the speedometer tells you that you’re okay.

I think the Christian walk should be like this. When we can learn to take our lives out of our control and set God’s “cruise control,” we will then follow *his* prompting. It doesn’t matter what others are doing—or what we perceive to be right—we will follow God’s leading and stay right on course.

That’s what Philip did. In the middle of a revival, one of God’s angel messengers told him to go to the desert! Can you think of something as seemingly unproductive as that taking you away from something you perceive as important? Yet, Philip didn’t hesitate. He went and the Lord led him to bring salvation to a searching man.

Oh, that more Christians, myself included, would learn to do this; to ask God to apply a spiritual “cruise control” to our daily walk and to push the “resume” button daily! That, way, we won’t have to worry about how fast, or how slowly, or lives are going, so we can sit back and let God keep us at that perfect speed, unconcerned over what others are doing around us.

It has to take a lot of stress from our trip through life.

*“And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which so good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2*