

Behind the Roar of the Engine

Protecting Yourself and Your Loved Ones on the Road

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Your car can either be a means of transporting you from Point A to Point B, or it can be a lethal weapon. **Which it is depends almost entirely on YOU!**

Many people make bad decisions while driving, but you can protect yourself and your family by making good ones, keeping your eyes open, and teaching your children to do the same.

The roads are dangerous places, especially for young drivers between the ages of 15 and 25. A combination of inexperience, carelessness, over-stimulation, showboating, and irresponsible choices related to alcohol and drugs lead to more accidents for this age group than any other.

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How you train your young driver to behave on the road may, in fact, save his or her life.

Beyond the basics of the driver's handbook is the simple education that comes from experience. We must all learn the value of a cautious eye. Saving your life may be as simple as learning three simple concepts:

1. Use your eyes
2. Listen with your ears
3. Use all three mirrors

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Parents beware! Your teens and young adults need to hear the basic truths: **one bad decision could leave them permanently maimed.** Here's your chance to teach them something truly practical. My father taught me to drive defensively.

After all, even if you do everything right, you are not the only car on the road and carelessness can last **a very long time!**

Paul J. Meyer, considered by many to be the pioneer of the personal development industry, has driven for more than 60 years without a single accident. An adventurer at heart, he has parachuted from airplanes and climbed America's second tallest mountain (at age 70!), but he has always heeded the wisdom of his own father while behind the wheel of a car. To start the conversation with your own children, get your copy of *What Maims and Kills?* at www.pauljmeyer.com.

