

*“So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the Law of Liberty.”
James 2:12 KJV*

Speed limits are determined by location. Some may seem archaic or unnecessary, but are the law, nonetheless. Some drivers use radar detectors to detect monitoring, but their intention is not to obey the law. Road signs protect all citizens, not just drivers. “School Zone” and “Men Working” are examples. What if they did not put up barricades for unsafe road conditions, like falling rocks or bridge collapse? God’s Word says, *“THOU SHALT NOT,”* to secure our safety. They keep us from danger and lead to bounty. Consequences brought on by our own disobedience, purge doubt from faith. We can take lessons from small children. My parents did a good job with the right mixture of discipline and love. Sure, I got my rear scorched, but it was mostly deserved, because of disobedience. I had more liberty IN my parent’s good graces than OUT of them. However, God is not plagued with human weakness, so He does everything perfectly! *“But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness (pure perfection). Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”* Chastening is the incentive to obey; which is the path of liberty. Toddlers are not allowed to drive and while they may not agree, it is for their own safety. By the same token, God gives liberties and wisdom to some saints not given to babes in Christ. Paul faced these challenges with the new believers at Corinth. *“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it.”* We don’t give steak to newborns!



Men’s deeds are either wrong or right,
They will be judged by Jesus’ Light,
If men by faith will do what’s right,
They’ll live for aye in Heaven’s Light! ~CGP

Again, in another letter Paul writes, *“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the Word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”* Meat will choke an infant unless properly prepared, but what grown man prefers baby food to “steak ‘n taters?” The “Law of Liberty” gives us the liberty to do right, not to sin, and it is that Law by which we will each be finally judged. Are you trying to avoid penalty or to obey your Father? These are not one and the same. One is done out of fear and the other out of love.

“He that feareth is not made perfect in Love. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but Perfect Love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.” 1 John 4:8, 17-18 KJV