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Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)

Thought for today...

Junctions and roundabouts are often a source of bewilderment for new (and sometimes not so new) drivers. The Highway Code of the United Kingdom stipulates that at a roundabout, priority is given to traffic coming from the right (unless signs or road markings direct otherwise).

Whilst driving earlier this week, I approached a roundabout and waited for the driver on my right to proceed. The lengthy pause that followed, coupled with a look of expectation, brought me to the realisation that the driver was unaware that the right of way was theirs. Their lack of understanding of the Highway Code meant that they felt obligated to sit and wait for me to execute my turn first.



The situation immediately caused me to wonder and question: “How many times have we as followers of Christ, given way to the enemy, not realising that we have the right of way?”

As followers of Christ, the Holy Bible (our Highway Code), tells us who we are in Him: **‘And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,’** Ephesians 2:6 (NIV).

Not only are we seated in heavenly places, but we have been given access to so much more! **‘The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.’** Romans 8:11 (NLT).

The same Holy Spirit who lives within us and to whom the Apostle Paul refers in the Book of Romans, also gives us power. Luke makes mention of this power on several occasions, and informs readers of Jesus’ actions as told to him by those who bore witness. He writes: **‘Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.’** Luke 9:1 (KJV).

And: **“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”** Luke 10:19 (NKJV).

In his Book, Matthew gives us an account of what Jesus told them: **“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”**

Matthew 18:18 (ESV). 1 John 4:4 reminds us: **‘You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.’** (NKJV).



Forearmed with this truth, as we journey along life’s highway, let us not **‘...give place to the devil’** (Ephesians 4:27); the Good News Translation puts it like this: **‘Don’t give the Devil a chance.’**

Instead, let’s study our Highway Code and not give him the chance to assume the right of way at any roundabout or junction in our lives!