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## Helping Or Honking

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**Y**ou've probably heard the story of the lady whose car broke down in the middle of a busy intersection. That's a nightmare for all of us, but she kept her head and was doing her best to restart her car. After several attempts, the driver immediately behind her began to mercilessly honk his horn. After several moments of his incessant "honking," this woman exited her car, walked back to the man in the car behind her and politely said, "Sir, I seem to be having trouble starting my car. If you would be so kind as to help me get my car started, I would be more than happy to sit here and honk for you." The honking stopped!

Friends, how would you characterize yourself and your relationship to the church? Are you a "helper" or a "honker?" Sure there are problems. No church is without them. But more than likely, where you see a problem or an inefficient program, you'll find godly men and women at wits end doing the very best they know how.

Next time you see a problem at church, please don't honk. It really doesn't help, and usually frustrates those who are trying to fix the problem. Instead, of "honking" why not lend a hand?