**YIELDING**

A follow- to “**How to Resolve Conflict**” and related to our family devotionals that we recently finished up on **James**.

**SONG “Yield Not to Temptation”** – We who are Christians are not to yield to temptation. That yielding is sin! (**Proverbs 7:21, Galatians 2:5**)

However, the Bible talks about a good yielding (**James 3:17**). “Willing to yield”; compliant: ESV open to reason: NASV reasonable: NIV submissive; Vines: easily to intreat (entreat); ready to obey

**2 Chronicles 30:8**

Picture of yield traffic sign: What happens if you are driving and you see this sign in your lane? What happens if you do not yield? (Examples: Intersection at 407 coming home from Pigeon Forge on I40).

**Types of Yielding**

**Yielding to God** (**Psalm 139:1-4, Luke 12:4-7, 2 Peter 3:9**) – Term Lord here is very interesting as it can be referring to God the Father, Jesus, or both. He knows us perfectly and wants us to be saved. Why wouldn’t we yield to our Father in Heaven?

**Yielding to the Holy Spirit** (**Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 5:32, 2:38, 7:51, Galatians 5:16, 18, 25**) – Why wouldn’t we choose to walk, be led, and live in the Spirit? Why wouldn’t we want to yield to the Holy Spirit every day of our lives?

**Yielding to each other** (**Romans 12:10, 14:13, 19, 15:1-6, Ephesians 5:21, Philippians 2:3, 1 Peter 3:8, 5:5**) – Instructions from the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul and the Apostle Peter. We are to happily and lovingly yield to one another!

**Yielding to Jesus** (**Matthew 10:37-39, 11:28-30, Luke 9:23**) – Let Him go first and lead you! Yielding to Christ is life changing and life transforming. It is not something one can do half-heartedly, assuming Jesus will accept you. It takes denial of oneself and your personal desires; it takes embracing the cross the Lord has for you; and it takes a determination to follow Jesus every day!

This choice is not the choice most people are willing to yield to; but, if you want to go to Heaven, there is no other way except through Jesus (**John 14:6, Matthew 16:24-27**).

He is waiting for you to come and follow Him. Repent of your sins, confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and be baptized so your sins can be washed away! Yielding to Christ will make your life better and meaningful on this earth and will lead you to Heaven for Eternity!