

THE LORD PROTECTS THE SIMPLEHEARTED

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One sunny and quiet Saturday afternoon, I don't know why my son, Ernest, came to tell me that he wanted to use my car for a littly while.

Half an hour later, he called us to pick him up at a gas station, because my car had been towed away to the dealer since the car's braking system was all damaged. Ernest came back to tell me that as soon as he drove down the hill, he had to step on the brake all the way to the ground in addition to pulling the hand brake. He added, "God is really good to you."

I immediately remembered the verse in Psalms 116: 6, 'The Lord protects the simplehearted.' As to the car driving, I was truly innocent and naive. I have been driving this car for five years. All the tires were changed but I never thought of changing the brakes, even though I had felt that the brake was not so solid as before. Yet the Lord had not punished me for that; instead, 'He delivered me from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.'

I had gone out that morning. I could have crashed through the fence and gone over the embankment at the end of the slope in my parking area. I was going out again that evening. I dread to imagine how could I zigzag down our hill with no brakes. My son is so much smarter than me in this area, so God let him take care of the whole thing.

A simplehearted person doesn't know the danger of a situation and he will not pray for it accordingly. However, God said in Isaiah 65:24, "Before they call I will answer." In our lives, I don't know how many times we have had that mercy from God. We still need that in the future because no one can predict what will happen.

A simplehearted person is not a lazy person who doesn't want to do his duty. God will not tolerate a lazy person. Now that I have learned my lesson in car maintenance, I will try my best to take better care of my car.

A simplehearted person can learn to be smart but a lazy one has no hope.

