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Important Notification or Disruptive Distraction?

We are naturally busy human beings with vast schedules and being able to unglue ourselves from our cellphones for a few minutes is really difficult to do. The conflict when engaging in a phone call while driving is very dangerous. According to, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, texting is the most alarming distraction while driving (“NHTSA”). There are many factors that multi-tasking while driving can cause many things such as, getting a ticket for cell phone use, causing an accident, running red lights, or even missing a turn. It is understandable that a significant other or even a parent is simply asking for their location and considering their safety. This idea is why the “Do Not Disturb While Driving” feature has the option of sending a text message to whomever called or texted a person who is driving. This is similar to the Amazon, Netflix, or Disney+ feature of having parental controls for children’s accounts. It is a means of protecting the user whether it is from texting while driving or offensive shows young children should not be viewing.

To prevent from users having a distraction while driving it would involve implementing a program that will of course disregard any notifications to occur while driving. Then, reward the user when they do not use their phone while driving. The user has the option of rewarding themselves with little achievements that they will be given for not using their phone while driving. The number of lives that were not affected by cell phone use or the lack of accidents that

could have occurred. There needs to be some statistics given to the user about what the accomplished. For instance, “The Do Not Disturb Challenge”, challenges people to go 24 hours without any notifications on all their technology whether it is driving or simply during free time (Pielot and Rello). This means computer, cell phone, television, everything was turned off.

The notification should be implemented as an app that has to be able to track location so that it demonstrates the user’s movements. Whenever they reach their destination, “Safe Mode”, will be turned off with an achievement. The user can get five achievements towards a coupon to the store of their choosing. Once they achieve ten achievements, they are able to receive a full coupon. Practicing the intentions of not texting or calling while driving will help the user look forward to their ten achievements.

We are called to be good stewards and to love everyone as we love ourselves. We are not being good stewards or loving whenever we put others in harm’s way for texting or calling while driving. To have a family not come home safely because of someone else’s careless mistake is really difficult to process. According to, 1 Peter 4:8-10:

“⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” (“1 Peter 4 | KJV Bible | YouVersion”).

By being loving and serving others as said 1 Peter 4:8-10, there will not be broken families because of being unable to detach ourselves from our cellphones while driving. Understanding that gravity behind the “Do Not Disturb While Driving” feature is very significant if we are to serve others and be faithful stewards.

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