

Resolved!

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What if I do drive my car too fast, on thin tires and no brakes? I'm insured. Thus I am "protecting" everybody. "Protect your family," is how the ad read. OK. I've complied with all that society demands of me; so?

If I were more ambitious, more industrious; I would not be fully appreciative of "Social Security." I would be moving toward that hated "capitalist" class. If I was saving money for my old age; I would not be showing faith in all the worthy pension plans.

If my children become "delinquents," it is only that the Scouts the church, the school or maybe the coordinating council has not kept them "busy." If they do not study or progress in school, only the school will be held responsible.

If I am conscientious on the job, I only make myself unpopular. If I don't close my eyes (at least) to the constant pilfering ever about us, I'm narrow. If I allow myself to notice any disregard for law, I'm a "long-hair."

If I have not the courage to rush out and fight any time, anywhere, it is probably hereditary. Be reminded, that the only reason our leaders can so unrestrainedly declare wars at will, is because all resistance had long since been beaten out of the race. Zombies do not rush out, though they may easily be pushed around.

I don't go to church? Surely the church has erred somewhere. I don't vote? I wonder why. I don't appreciate an opportunity to choose between two candidates, both politicians, both bad. I cuss? It must be the work I do. I lie? Well, don't we all? And isn't it far better to lie sometimes—I just mean at times, you know. Of course, you do. If I don't brush my teeth, it is only that I can't tell which of the dentifrice advertisers is the right one to follow.

You see? Surely I have no responsibilities. I have nothing to improve or correct, so why all this resolution talk? But wait!

Did you catch the glance that passed between that couple, walking ahead of you, hand in hand, going about their Christmas shopping? Now there is something I want. There is something I would try for. I wonder if that can be acquired through some kind of resolution?