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Dear Praying Friends,

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He had worked hard all day and was looking forward to getting home to his wife and children. His thoughts drifted to the warmth and comfort of home, that is, until the flashing lights got his attention. Why was the police officer pulling him over? He had not been speeding, nor driving erratically, what had he done to be stopped?

The police officer stood at his window and asked for the typical identifications and documents. Then the policeman informed him that the rear lights on his van were not “functioning properly” and it would be a 300 Euro fine. Money was tight with four mouths to feed and this was not welcome news, the pain was evident on his face. The police officer paused and then said, “Look, I will write this down as something else and it will only cost you 50 Euros, you just have to sign this ticket.

He paused for a moment, it was tempting, all he had to do was sign the officer’s paper and save 250 Euros. But then he shook his head, “No, officer, I cannot do that, it would be lying. I am a Christian and I cannot lie, even if it costs me the 300 Euros.” The policeman was stunned, he had never encountered this before. Finally, he looked at this strange man and said, “Never mind, just go on home, no ticket today.”

Thanking God for a young Christian’s honesty and testimony,

Mark Hale
Received in May \$100.00 Thank you very much!!

“Praying always...for all saints and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel.” Ephesians 6:18-19