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## FEATURE

Be introduced to the family business of Kiser Trucking. Cover photo is Austin Kiser's pride and joy on display at the Southwest Virginia Big Rig Showdown

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Bible says: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." *Galatians 2:20*

As professional drivers, I am sure you have seen a bumper sticker with a familiar Christian phrase on it. It would have said, "Jesus is my co-pilot."

The bumper sticker "Jesus is my co-pilot" may be a well-intentioned sentiment, but it has always troubled me. Probably because I have come to realize that whenever I'm in the driver's seat of my life, the destination is nowhere good. Jesus is not meant to be just a spiritual "co-pilot" giving directions every now and then. He is always meant to be in the driver's seat. Period! So my question to you is this, "Who is it that is at the wheel of your life?" Is it you or God? When you are taking that long haul across country, when the loneliness sets in, when you are tempted to do something that you shouldn't be doing, who wins the battle? You or God?



We often say that Jesus died for us, which of course is true. But there's more to it than that. Because Jesus died on the cross, something inside of us died—the power of sin. It's what Paul meant when he said, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." We were essentially co-crucified with Him. With Jesus in the driver's seat, the old destinations are off-limits. No more turning down the streets of self-centeredness, greed, sexual or chemical addiction. No more off-road ventures into the swamp of pride or the ditch of bitterness. We were crucified with Him, and He is at the wheel now! He died so that He alone can drive and define us.

So, if you've died and Christ lives in you, He's not your co-pilot. Your joy is to let Him drive and define your life. There may be a few bumps in the road, you can count on it. But, you will never have to travel that road alone. He'll direct your path. Are you still at the wheel of your life? Then it is time to let Jesus be in the driver's seat! How do you do that? By stopping whatever you are doing right now, praying to ask Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins. Ask Him to come into your life and take control over your thoughts and your actions.

TFC Global is an organization that provides an effective ministry to the professional drivers, their families and the trucking community throughout the world. The aim of the organization is to lead professional drivers as well as their families and the trucking community to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. TFC Global is about building relationships, sharing faith and providing a place for drivers to regenerate physically, mentally and spiritually. If you find yourself feeling alone on the road and in a bad place, then stop and visit with one of our chaplains or call our 24 hour prayer line at 1-866-515-9406. We would love to help you. If you are facing a life challenge related to an addiction or mental health issue, don't face it alone. Free guidance and coaching is just a phone call away. Please call our helpline at 844-543-3242.

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## SWVA BIG RIG SHOWDOWN

**K**iser Trucking, the host company for the Southwest Virginia Big Rig Showdown, started in 1968 when Greg's (current co-partner with Gary) parents bought their first truck. For 10 years, they ran dump trucks but branched into tractor trailers in 1978. In 1990, Greg, Gary's son, upon graduation from high school, purchased his first rig. Now, they own 34 trucks combined, hauling feed products, sand, gravel, coal, plus cattle with those trailers. Greg and Gary have moved into two separate companies but are still keeping it in the family. Austin Kiser, whose truck graces our cover, thought he was going to play baseball after high school. But God had other plans through some injuries and no desire to stay in a classroom. He successfully works beside his dad and grandpa in the business of Kiser Trucking. It's definitely in the blood!

**Melissa Kiser and her son Austin started the conversation about hosting a truck show in their local community in southwest Virginia several years ago. Focused on making a difference in the rural area by giving away the proceeds to charitable organizations, the SWVA Big Rig Showdown just completed its third year.**

Using their connections up and down the east coast, they knew they would have the truck owners who would love another reason to show off their pride and joy. But, they also knew they needed team work in other areas. The Kiser family attends the Rosedale Baptist Church where Pastor Jeff Kinder leads the congregation. This group of believers caught the vision for what this event could be in their community. With the staff behind this event and volunteers from their Go Team, a partnership was born. The Go Team is a group of people who are led by church deacons who help those in need in and around their local community. This year, the Friends of Honaker (a nearby town) were looking to raise money toward a park for children. A whopping \$21,000 was raised for these two non-profit organizations -- the Go Team and the Friends of Honaker. The Kisers are committed to having this show every year as God directs and blesses. It's all-hands-on-deck for this family and any relative they claim for the event. Next year's show is July 28-29, 2023. The show includes a banquet for drivers and their families, food trucks, concerts and a light parade plus awards. Join this community event by bringing your truck and your dollars to donate to two non-profit organizations that will be announced at a later date.

*TFC Global had the privilege of speaking at the driver appreciation event and having a display at the show. We look forward to a continued relationship with this event in the future. See our photo to the right.*







# TruckStruck

By Lynn Bolster

## ILLOGICAL LOGIC

Trucking has become so regulated that it's not as fun as it used to be. It's always been about keeping one step ahead of authority but now that everything is electronic, they got you coming and going. Electronic logs, registrations, IFTA, highway use tax, CDL, current physical, truck inspections, the list goes on and it all comes out of your pocket. Why can't we just go truckin' like it was when it didn't seem so serious? Drivers ran multiple logs, dodged the scales, and maybe went a little sideways on their income taxes. Some still do but I learned going the illegal route was more stressful and often more costly than just playing by the rules. I must admit you do get a rush if you think you're getting away with something. And in this article I am certainly not condoning bad habits! But it does amaze me how folks contrive elaborate schemes to save a buck to make a buck.

We had a couple of rollbacks in our vehicle stash and they were always money makers. If someone broke down Bill would crank up Old International (we had names for all the trucks) and haul them in. Old International was also great when we went to auctions. It was easy to load our bargains at the end of the day and we might take on a few customers also needing their junk hauled.

Bill was headed to Baltimore one morning in Old International and when nearing the Beltway, the police pulled him over for a surprise truck check. The cop approached and asked for his license and paperwork. Now this is where it got sticky. Bill had a habit of saying, "I have to run down to the city this morning I'll be back by lunch, it's just a quick trip." Translation: I know Old International has a phony license plate and dead inspection with no insurance, but I won't be gone long and the chances of me getting stopped are slim. I begged him to just register it and he'd be clean and green wherever he traveled. But his logic was not my logic. "How many times can you do the illegal thing and tempt fate?" I'd say. "You worry too much" was his canned response. My counter became, "don't expect me to bail you out then." Out the door he went in a huff and I heard him fire up Old International anyway.

So he told the officer it would take a bit to find the nonexistent paperwork. A bit turned into thirty minutes as he pretended to be looking through the mess in the truck. The officer tended to other trucks and checked back periodically. Bill stalled but knew he was sunk. The officer shut him down and called a wrecker to tow him to a city yard. After the cop gave the citation, he said the fines

would come in the mail. He allowed Bill to ride with the wrecker guy knowing Old International would be stuck in impound and Bill would be punished by having to pay to get it out, forcing him to get it legal to drive it home.

They pulled into the impound lot. It turns out one of Bill's old trucking buddies now ran the lot. "Hey Bill, what have you done this time?" he asked. And with that over cigars and cups of coffee they had a good laugh and once it got dark, he let Bill drive Old International home, dead tag and all with no fee to him for towing it in. Several days later, the fines arrived in the mail. It was over \$1,000. I jumped on the 'I told you so' train but he just smiled. "How can you smile when you owe that much for this lunacy?" I argued. And this was when I learned what illogical logic was. He replied, "A thousand dollars is cheap. Just think, I ran that thing for the last few years with no tag, no inspection, no insurance. If I had to pay all those things over that time, it surely would have exceeded a thousand bucks so the way I see it, I came out ahead!"

I was furious he made sense! Bill was a big risk taker and being an owner/operator is a huge trucking gamble. We all make choices, some right, some wrong but it's never right to do the wrong thing even if we 'come out ahead.' None of us are perfect, but to go against God's word is a dead end. He wants followers to do what's right, reject sin, accept and trust Him. You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequences of your choice. So when that nudge to cut corners creeps in, step back, take a breath and recognize the consequences, eternal and otherwise.



Lynn Bolster loves anything to do with trucks and has been active in the trucking industry since the 1980s. She drove over the road for 12 years with her now deceased partner of 22 years, Bill. She has her Bachelor's degree in Journalism and a Master's degree in Recreational and Leisure Studies Management with a focus on health and fitness. Her Master's thesis was: "The Recreational Pursuits and Health Habits of Long Distance Truckers." She has appeared in The Washington Post, USA Today and has written for various trucking industry publications. She was the sales manager covering three truck stops for several years. Lynn is on the Board of Directors for TFC Global.



## LOGICA ILLOGICA

El transporte por carretera se ha vuelto tan regulado que ya no es tan divertido como solía ser. Siempre se ha tratado de estar un paso por delante de la autoridad, pero ahora que todo es electrónico, te pillan a la ida y vuelta. Registros electrónicos, registros, IFTA, impuesto de uso de carreteras, CDL, inspección física y actual de camiones, la lista continúa y todo sale de su bolsillo. ¿Por qué no podemos simplemente andar como antes cuando no parecía tan serio? Los conductores ejecutaron múltiples registros, esquivaron las escalas y tal vez se ocultaron un poco en sus impuestos sobre la renta. Algunos todavía lo hacen, pero aprendí que ir por la ruta ilegal era más estresante y, a menudo, más caro que simplemente seguir las reglas. Debo admitir que tienes un subidón si crees que te estás saliendo con la tuya. ¡Y en este artículo ciertamente no estoy aprobando los malos hábitos! Pero me sorprende cómo la gente idea esquemas elaborados para ahorrar y ganar dinero.

Tuvimos un par de camiones de plataforma en el alijo de nuestro vehículo y siempre fueron generadores de dinero. Si alguien se averiaba, Bill ponía en marcha Old International (teníamos nombres para todos los camiones) y los transportaba. Old International también era genial cuando íbamos a las subastas. Fue fácil cargar nuestras gangas al final del día y podríamos contratar a algunos clientes que también necesitaban transportar su chatarra.

Bill se dirigía a Baltimore una mañana en Old International y cuando se acercaba a la Beltway, la policía lo detuvo para un control sorpresa del camión. El policía se acercó y le pidió su licencia y el papeleo. Ahora aquí es donde se puso pegajoso. Bill tenía la costumbre de decir: "Tengo que ir a la ciudad esta mañana. Estaré de regreso para el almuerzo, es solo un viaje rápido". Traducción: Sé que Old International tiene una placa de matrícula falsa y una inspección fallida sin seguro, pero no me iré por mucho tiempo y las posibilidades de que me detengan son escasas. Le rogué que simplemente lo registrara y estaría sano y salvo dondequiera que viajara. Pero su lógica no era mi lógica. "¿Cuántas veces puedes hacer lo ilegal y tentar al destino?" decía yo. "Te preocupas demasiado", fue su respuesta típico. Mi respuesta se convirtió en, "entonces no esperes que te rescate". Salí por la puerta enfadado y lo escuché encender Old International de todos modos.

el papeleo inexistente. Un poco se convirtió en treinta minutos mientras disimulaba buscar entre el desorden en el camión. El oficial atendió a otros camiones y los revisó periódicamente. Bill intentaba esquivar lo inevitable, pero sabía que estaba hundido. El oficial lo apagó y llamó a un camión de auxilio para que lo remolcara al lote de incautación. Después de que el policía dio la citación, dijo que las multas llegarían por correo. Permitted que Bill viajara con el tipo del camión de auxilio sabiendo que Old International quedaría atrapado en un depósito y que Bill sería castigado con pagar para sacarlo, lo que lo obligaría a hacerlo legal para llevarlo a casa.

Se detuvieron en el lote de incautación. Resulta que uno de los viejos amigos camioneros de Bill ahora manejaba el lote. "Oye Bill, ¿qué has hecho esta vez?" preguntó. Y con eso, entre puros y tazas de café, se rieron mucho y, una vez que oscureció, dejó que Bill llevara a Old International a casa, con la etiqueta muerta y todo, sin pagarle por remolcarlo. Varios días después, llegaron las multas en el correo. Fueron más de \$1,000. Me subí al tren "Te lo dije", pero él solo sonrió. "¿Cómo puedes sonreír cuando debes tanto por esta locura?" Yo argumenté. Y fue entonces cuando aprendí lo que era la lógica ilógica. Él respondió: "Mil dólares es barato. Piensa así, que manejé esa cosa durante los últimos años sin etiqueta, sin inspección, sin seguro. Si tuviera que pagar todas esas cosas durante ese tiempo, seguramente habría excedido los mil dólares, así que, tal como lo veo, ¡salí ganando!".

¡Estaba furioso porque tenía sentido! Bill era un gran tomador de riesgos y ser propietario/operador es una gran apuesta de camiones. Todos tomamos decisiones, algunas correctas, otras incorrectas, pero nunca está bien hacer lo incorrecto, incluso si salimos adelante. Ninguno de nosotros es perfecto, pero ir en contra de la palabra de Dios es un callejón sin salida. Él quiere que los seguidores hagan lo correcto, rechacen el pecado, lo acepten y confíen en Él. Eres libre de elegir, pero no estás libre de las consecuencias de tu elección. Entonces, cuando ese empujón para tomar atajos se presente, retroceda, tome un respiro y reconozca las consecuencias, eternas y de otro tipo.

Entonces le dijo al oficial que tomaría un poco de tiempo encontrar

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



**N**orbert and Friends Mission are working with the trucking community in three main areas -- the Mwanza, Arusha, and Kagera regions. Praise the Lord with us for the following report from the month of July:

- \* Mwanza: 15 drivers reached, 5 drivers know the Savior now.
  - \* Arusha: 7 drivers reached with meaningful conversations. Bibles were also distributed.
  - \* Kagera: 10 drivers reached in ministry and additional Bibles were passed out.
  - \* Dr. Norbert was able to meet with 200 church leaders about ministry to the trucking community as well as 12 coordinators from around Tanzania to discuss ministry strategy.
  - \* TFC Global will be sending 500 gospel of John booklets produced by Pocket Testament League translated into the Swahili language for ministry use.
- See additional giving opportunities in the box to the right.

**G**oing Home Africa Ministries is working to gain support from local churches and ministries. That support could be in the form of finances, prayer, and workers for reaching the trucking community. In July a total of 100 Bibles, 146 New Testaments, 3,000 books, 3,000 tracts and magazines plus 50 people who want to be trained in chaplaincy.

More books, Bibles and tracts are to be distributed next month. Pray for TFC Global as we look at ways to train African volunteers effectively and quickly. What an exciting opportunity! See additional ways to support this ministry in the box to the right.

**NORBERT & FRIENDS MISSION  
GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Travel costs for getting to the United States for chaplaincy training — \$2500
2. Motorcycles/Bicycles for more effective ministry at border crossings
3. Training materials to be printed for chaplaincy training — \$100
4. Monthly shipping cost to get magazines, and Bibles to Tanzania — \$125.

**GOING HOME AFRICA MINISTRIES  
GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Travel costs for getting to the United States for training — \$3,000
2. Bicycles more effective ministry at border crossings — \$1200
3. Training materials to be printed for chaplaincy training — \$100
4. Monthly shipping cost to get magazines, and Bibles to Malawi — \$125
5. Van to be used to distribute resources to team members — \$18,000



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*Leave a Legacy of Faith for TFC Global's future ministry to the trucking community.*



TFC Global stands for more than just a ministry to truck drivers; our chaplains have had opportunities to help the men and women of the trucking community with struggles such as addictions, family and co-worker relationships, self care and more.

Building a legacy is critical to the ongoing ministry of TFC Global. We can all make a difference in seeing the ministry be financially secure to continue meeting needs and expanding to reach more of the trucking world with the message and hope of Jesus.

TFC Global has years of learning, good friends, and ministry opportunities that have continued to touch many people. Gifts such as the following are a few examples of ways to bless drivers beyond a cash donation.

- \* Stocks and bonds
- \* Real estate
- \* Retirement Assets
- \* Insurance benefits

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*What about you?*



# TFC GLOBAL: FIGHTING THE SPIRITUAL AND LIVES OF THE PEOPLE IN



**Why is the development of a chaplaincy program important for the spiritual needs of our professional drivers and the lives of the people in their families?**

*Physical care because:*

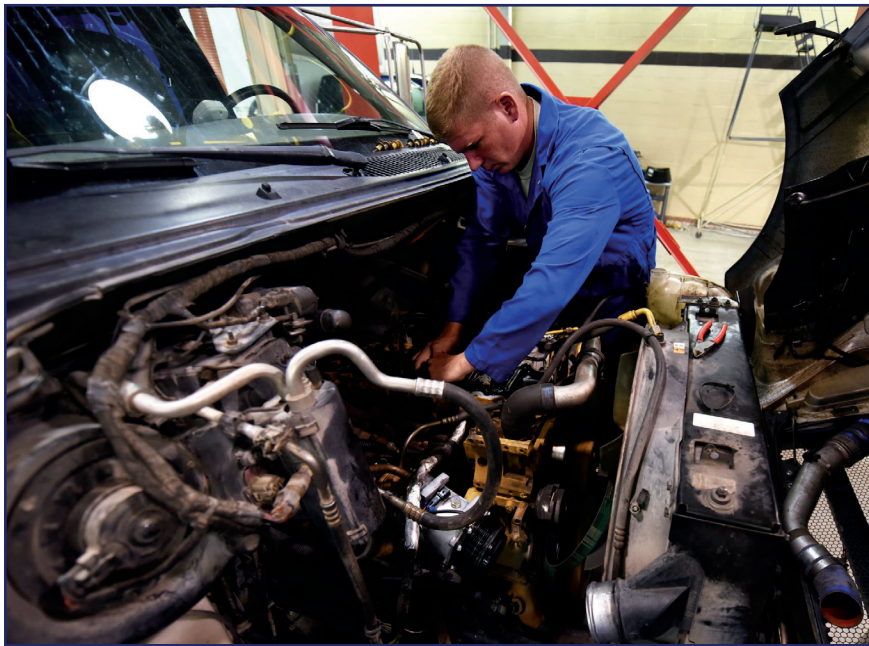
- \* Unhealthy habits due to long hours on the road
- \* Work environment is characterized by the following: poor conditions, long hours, and high stress

*Psychological/Behavioral care because:*

- \* Heavy workloads can cause the following: burnout, anxiety, diminished cognitive ability
- \* High levels of stress can cause the following: hypertension, extremely high blood pressure

*Spiritual care because:*

- \* There is an openness to faith topics when life seems to be juggling many things
- \* Religion is often used to increase physical healing and well-being
- \* Religion can change one's outlook and perspective from negative to positive
- \* Religion is often related to greater marital and family stability



*TFC Global provides an integrated, holistic, and professional approach to addressing your company's needs through our network of corporate chaplains, supporting your employees offering from several perspectives. The benefit of being on-call for emergent issues. This program is available for companies of all sizes.*

*There are many benefits to this program. Check out the following:*

- \* Increased coping skills
- \* Improved stability at home and work
- \* Improved ability to regulate emotions and focus
- \* Reduced stress-related health issues
- \* More content and reliable employees with lower turnover

**TFC Global also offers additional programs including:**

- \* Celebrate Recovery Step meetings held at churches
- \* Human Trafficking Awareness training
- \* Pornography addiction intensive through churches
- \* International Christian Trucking Association (ICTA) meetings
- \* Talk & Prayer (TAP) meetings available

**Would you consider hosting an ICTA or TAP event at your church or company? Would you also think about inviting a chaplain for company orientation, young men/women's groups? For more information, contact us at [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org) or call 1-800-458-4584.**



# IRITUAL BATTLE FOR THE HEARTS N THE TRUCKING COMMUNITY

rogram to the trucking community that includes caring for the physical, psychological and  
nd their families so important?

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ssociation (ICTA) meetings available for networking  
able for women passionate about the trucking community

nviting our human trafficking expert to speak at your church, school,  
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# DOPAMINE DETOX — PART 8

By Brad Huddleston

## WHERE DOES THE CHURCH FIT IN?

Outside of an immediate life-threatening event, the church should be the first place to look to for help when going through withdrawals during a digital detox. The problem is that most churches do not recognize social media and video game addiction to be as severe as they are. Therefore, most have not equipped themselves to deal with this level of deep-seated bondage. Most churches will acknowledge that porn addiction is harmful but will rarely deal with this issue publicly. What I am trying to say is that turning to the church for help in these areas will likely be a challenge. Nevertheless, God still uses the local church to get the work of His kingdom accomplished, despite all its flaws. Therefore, we must turn to the local body of believers, and trust that God will work in every situation, including your attempts at a digital detox.

I want to challenge churches with an incredible opportunity. If the church will acknowledge the seriousness of digital addiction, the body of Christ has an opportunity to shine. Being in community with like-minded Christian families is very powerful. My desire is that God will use this book to inspire families to form bonds and “do life together.” Biblically, this is God’s will for His church, and it is known as the concept of koinonia. The Merriam-Webster dictionary does an excellent job of defining koinonia: “intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community.”

Dwell Community Church offers a list of excellent examples of Biblical koinonia:

Encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13; 10:25)

Confess your sins to one another (Jas. 5:16)

Accept one another (Rom. 14:1; 15:7)

Build up one another (1 Thess. 5:11)

Admonish one another (Col. 3:16; Rom. 15:14)

Forgive one another (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13)

Serve one another (Gal. 5:13; Rom. 12:10)

Be hospitable to one another (1 Pet. 4:9)

A good place to start when dealing with these possible extreme behaviors related to withdrawal is a strong church with strong leaders who understand the seriousness of being addicted to social media, video games, and pornography. Being able to share these hard issues with such a church will provide a safety net of people who will be there to help. In strong, Bible-based churches, you are likely to find resources such as pastors, counselors, and doctors. There will be wise but strong and loving men who can advise and assist with handling out-of-control male teenagers. There will be women who can assist with females who are having serious emotional meltdowns when they are withdrawing from social media. There will be a men’s group when the husband finally decides he’s had enough of his porn addiction. There will be mothers there who can help a struggling single mom who wants to detox her children but is already overwhelmed with life’s issues.

Suppose you are a leader in a church but do not have defined protocols for assisting church members and those from the wider community reaching out to your church for assistance with digital addiction. In that case, I hope this book will inspire you to take action to organize such a plan. After doing so, let it be known to your church family and surrounding community that you are there to help with the issues raised in this book. Given the sheer magnitude of digital addiction that exists globally, I truly believe the church has an incredible open door to share the liberating good news of Jesus Christ to the multitudes who are in desperate need of help. Christians have the only real God in the world with the power to set the captives free. And, God is more than happy to help, if we will just take the initiative. John 8:36 (NIV) “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”





**Chaplains are people of action. There isn't a chaplain alive who doesn't want to meet with people, give Godly counsel, present the gospel, actively pray with people, connect people to resources, be a listening presence, follow up with care, and do that over and over and over again. It's no fun to sit around.**

Because of this and the massive changes in the trucking industry, we need to continue to adapt and go where the people are. Since 1951, when TFC started, methods have adapted to the industry. We need to go where there is the maximum potential to minister to the most amount of people. Therefore, you will be seeing and reading more about chaplains in the trucking companies in the months to come. Trucking company owners desire care for their employees beyond providing them with a job. Owners see the need for their people to receive spiritual care and counsel as they live with loneliness, family dysfunction, isolation, addictions, uncertainty, and other related issues.

This is where TFC Global chaplains come in. Chaplaincy to the trucking community is very unique compared to any other type of chaplaincy ministry. We have the expertise and knowledge of the trucking industry to relate to the people and give holistic care. This opens the door to the gospel! When a chaplain serves a company there is more potential to develop relationships and continue to minister to people because they see each other regularly. Employees who are healthy and cared for perform better. The work environment changes to become more positive. Employees take ownership of the mission of the organization. All because chaplains are taking action in a different way to meet the needs of the trucking community. We go where the people are. So, you can see the emphasis of having TFC Global chaplains in trucking companies amplifies the purpose and vision of our ministry -- to evangelize, educate, and equip members of the trucking community and their families to help them grow in their faith. What God put in the heart of Jim Keyes back in 1951 continues today. The methods have changed over the years, but the mission and vision will never change.

*If your company would like more information about TFC Global providing chaplaincy services for your organization, email Craig at [craigm@tfcglobal.org](mailto:craigm@tfcglobal.org)*

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## Sex-Trafficking Crackdown Leads To MD, Nationwide Rescues

The FBI located 84 children, including 37 actively missing, in a nationwide sting. In Maryland, 11 trafficking victims were rescued.



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A common sentiment, especially for Americans unfamiliar with the issue of sex trafficking, is that it's a crime that only happens overseas or in remote places of the world. It certainly doesn't happen here, in our own backyard. If it does happen, it is so uncommon it's hardly relevant. Beliefs like these are why headlines like the one above are so critical to the fight of eradicating sex trafficking in our country. As an advocate fighting sex trafficking for the past 15 years, I can tell you that headlines like this one are nothing new. I have lost count over the years of how many stories, just like this one, have made the headlines. They are so common I often equate them to fishing. Every time the FBI or local law enforcement perform an operation, cracking down on sex trafficking, they come up with a sizable catch. Children and young adult victims are rescued, criminals are arrested, and the general public is made aware. In the article referenced above, the director of the FBI states:

***“Human trafficking is among the most heinous crimes the FBI encounters, Unfortunately, such crimes—against both adults and children—are far more common than most people realize.”***



What's worse is that the the average age of the victims rescued in this nationwide sting is 15-and-a-half years old, and the youngest victim was age 11. This is why the work of TFC Global's "The Gateway to Freedom Foundation" (GTFF) is so urgent. This crime, which, according to the FBI director, is the most heinous crime he encounters, has persisted for way too long. One reason for its persistence is the general public continuing to look the other way. People read the headline and say, "That's terrible, I can't believe this is happening here!" and then continue on with their day. That response is unacceptable. Children and young adult bodies are being rented for sex on a large scale across our country, and all most people can muster to say is, "that is terrible." News like this isn't just terrible, it's a call to action. If seeing is believing, what is seeing (i.e. becoming aware that sex trafficking is happening in your area), and then doing nothing about it? That is called being a bystander. TFC Global has seen the issue and refuses to be a bystander. We took action by launching GTFF with the mission to fight sex trafficking, so that stories like the one above become a part of history. The good news is if you are reading this article, and you don't want to be a bystander any longer, you don't have to be. Learn more about GTFF and find ways to get involved: Donate, volunteer, or host an event. There is no shortage of ways you can help. Go to [gatewayff.org](http://gatewayff.org) or email [gateway@tfcglobal.org](mailto:gateway@tfcglobal.org) and take action today.

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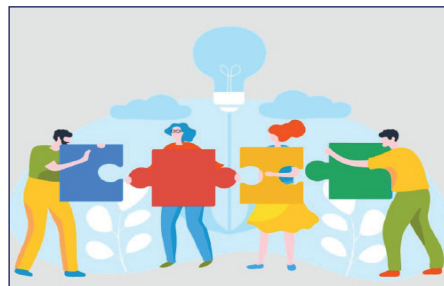
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TFC Global chapters are committed to being a tool for God's provisions to His ministry through such things as upholding TFC Global in prayer, providing ministry to local drivers, volunteering at a local TFC Global ministry center, passing out TFC Global materials to trucking companies, holding fundraising events or anything else that helps promote and support the ministry of TFC Global locally, nationally and Internationally.

Regional Chapters can also help raise funds for our International Ministries outreach. There is an urgent need to share the gospel with thousands of ethnic groups who have never heard it. Roman 15:20 "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation. I Cor. 15:34 "Awake to righteousness, for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." You can make a difference. Join us in this important work.



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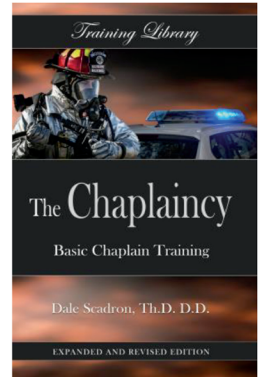
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# Trucking with Women in Mind

By Ellen Voie, President & CEO, Women in Trucking

## SIX COMPONENTS OF SELF-MANAGEMENT -- PART 1

The office environment can be a challenging place. You have to deal with all kinds of personalities at any given time. You see things that are broken but lack the resources or influence to fix them, and, often, people who don't understand your work are there to tell you how to do it. But, we all just want to produce good results and receive acknowledgment for our effort. In an ideal world, you are in a role that plays to your strengths and motivations and limits exposure to your weaknesses, and you are partnered with a manager who serves as your advocate. In reality, you're likely motivated by some aspects of your job and not always by others, and your manager has many other responsibilities that prevent them from being the best coach they can be to their team. In this scenario, the best you can do is do your best. And achieving your best requires a measure of self-management.

Motivation is often a set factor. In other words, you can't choose what motivates you at work any more than you can choose your height or your family members. You can't make yourself be outgoing if you're shy, and you can't spark competition if trophies don't interest you. And the external factors that can stand between you and your goals—economic upheaval, competitive threats, disruptive changes, and mergers and acquisitions—aren't something we can always plan for. You can, however, choose how you conduct yourself.

Organizations are always looking for employees who exhibit high potential and caliber for self-management. Focusing on the following six areas of self-management can help your company identify and nurture future leaders and lay a foundation for performance management and individual development.

### 1. Composure Under Pressure

Did you know one of the top job competencies for supervisory, sales, and customer-service positions is composure? Regardless of the power dynamic between employees and stakeholders, staying composed shows that they are in control. Staying calm earns respect, sets the tone, and increases others' willingness to follow their lead. It's contagious, in a good way.

### 4 Ways to Keep Your Cool and Remain Composed:

- Remain visible – Allow your teammates to see you so they know you are in control and handling the situation.
- Respond decisively – Stand behind your decisions and encourage your team to take action, but don't hesitate to ask for help when needed.
- Take accountability – Let your teammates know that you are accountable and committed to solving the issue and that you'll do so in a timely, effective manner.
- Stay positive – Enable others to regain their composure by keeping your cool. The more relaxed and calm everyone is, the better the outcome will be.

### 2. Self-Awareness

It's important that employees consider the way they're perceived by the people around them. They might be perfectly good at performing their work, but if their teammates only experience their loud personal phone calls that echo through the building, oblivious comments that insult other team members, and tiresome questioning of others' statements, it's going to be difficult to put that person into a place of leadership. A self-aware employee monitors reactions and considers how their words and actions affect everyone else.

### How to be more self-aware:

- Ask for honest feedback – Don't argue with or deflect what you hear.
- Take a personality assessment – Gather insights on your personality and work-specific competencies to help you understand your own proficiencies and deficiencies.
- Reflect – Think back on your daily interactions and how you handled situations well or could have handled them differently.

*Check out the next portion of this article in our November issue. Post written by Aggie Alvarez for the Women in Trucking blog at [womenintrucking.org](http://womenintrucking.org).*



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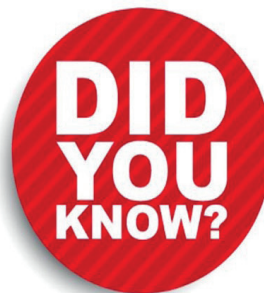


Lonely hours on the highway with not many people to talk to and wishing you had a way to connect with other Christian drivers? Home for the weekend and wondering how you can join with other trucking industry-related people in your region for breakfast and a time of community and prayer? Then come join the **International Christian Trucking Association**. This group has been created to provide a way for the trucking industry and their families to know Christ and grow in their Christian faith through discipleship opportunities, educational resources and seminars. Our desire is to connect professional drivers, retired professional drivers, trucking company owners and other trucking-related individuals in supporting and encouraging one another. These are all people who have a passion for the trucking industry. Please check out our website [www.TFCGLOBAL.ORG](http://www.TFCGLOBAL.ORG) for more membership benefit information or call us at 717-426-9977 for a free packet of information. Remember that 50% of your membership goes to help fund our **TruckersLife Foundation** which provides emergency financial assistance to drivers and their families.

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Let me introduce myself. I am Adam Cole, four years sober from alcohol. It was a long struggle until a few of the messages in the story of Christ really touched me deeply. When it comes to the root cause of any addictions, such as alcoholism, drug addiction, tobacco, pornography, even gossip, the idea of perfection is usually the conflicted (and impossible) idea underlying it all in some way, shape or form, for anyone who's looking for help. Many people congratulate me on my willpower in recovery. While I do appreciate the support, especially from loved ones, I understand there is a certain element, for lack of better terminology, that comes with sobriety and has really nothing to do with willpower other than having the willpower to let go of your will. It takes willpower to get up off your hands and get some money together to buy a fifth of whiskey. It takes willpower to figure out how you are going to buy your next fix and follow through with it. Now, when your distorted ideas come to fruition, do you consider that to be willpower? No. Without getting too much into the 12-step program, that is where the first step comes into play. Admitting that you have a problem and that you are powerless over it.

Now, whether or not you want to split hairs and figure out if you have control over alcohol, or alcohol itself has control over you, you are the slave in some way. Sometimes it seems to many of us as if something is a little off in humanity. Of course there is! That's what we do. We overcome challenges. These challenges involve individual things that you will lose a battle with on your own. Surrender is the only way. It is not your battle to fight alone. With the story of Christ comes many topics and messages, some of them even interpreted by non-Bible readers, as being invaluable to a healthy life. Some of those messages include forgiveness and having faith and trusting in the Lord when we are lost. A message that, personally, got deep down into the root of my addiction was the idea of surrender. This was Jesus Christ's last message to His Father before He died on the cross. Now, I don't know about you, but I don't mind one bit surrendering one day at a time the self-destructive lifestyle that comes along with any type of addiction. All of humanity is in recovery of some kind because we are all sinful people. And, although many of us may have the audacity to assume that things like pride and compacency entitle us to do things such as judge others, nothing has ever been done other than by the grace of God. This has always been so, and this will always be so. When we choose to surrender any addictions to God, we are surrendering what we may have spent years just wasting time on. Yet, it is never too late. Although it may seem hypocritical to step aside of the momentum of a habit, and to choose inner peace instead, we have to start somewhere.

Therefore, when it comes to day-to-day living, I have had many different experiences. An attitude of gratitude, however, reminds us how to look at those experiences. I would not trade anything for one day of the peace I have found with God's Holy Spirit. So, I am sober today due to nothing but the grace of God. I choose not to use drugs today, but rather to meditate and pray. God has replaced my spiritual malady with healing grace, and I will not be drinking today. I just might watch a relaxing movie or enjoy the weather. If you too are struggling with something that you need help with, have the courage to ask for that help.



*Written by freelance writer Adam Cole from Doniphan Missouri*



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- A. Admit you are a sinner. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
- B. Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- C. Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and turn from your sins. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

To give your life to Christ, pray the prayer below.

"Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross and shed Your blood to pay the penalty for my sins. Please forgive me and come into my life. You are my Savior and Lord."



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