



The law of concurrence

When you go jogging or “jalking” (halfway between a walk and a jog), on a farm-to-market paved road, you may not see a car for 30 minutes. Then you round a curve, and there is a vehicle on the side of the road. You look down the road and see another vehicle coming toward you. A third vehicle comes up behind. Both moving vehicles will meet at the parked vehicle at the same moment you are running around the parked vehicle. All four entities converge at the same point. Then you may not see another car for the next 30 minutes. I have coined this the “Law of Concurrence.”

I don’t know many big words, but when I know one, I try to use it (LOL). “Concurrence” means “a happening together in time or place.” We

need to be mindful of the Law of Concurrence in our daily lives, but more especially in our Christian walk.

Now I realize the Law of Concurrence seems similar to the cliché “When it rains, it pours.” I understand Murphy’s Law — “Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong, and at the worst possible time.” But the Law of Concurrence is different. The Law of Concurrence is not necessarily negative or bad; it just happens.

When you try to enjoy your quiet time or your prayer time, the Law of Concurrence will occur. When you try to pray, you will remember everything

you should have done yesterday and everything that needs to be done right now, if not sooner. The dog barks, the doorbell rings, the baby cries, and your spouse can’t find the keys. Welcome to the Law of Concurrence.

When you try to witness to a lost person on a park bench, get ready for the Law of Concurrence. Everyone they know will walk by and greet them. Your phone and his phone will ring. His ride will arrive. It will begin to sprinkle. The noise of the traffic and the train will drown out the sirens of the fire trucks and ambulances. No need to get

frustrated or aggravated. It is what it is — the Law of Concurrence.

On that dream trip or get-a-way with your spouse and/or family, when you should enjoy the MOMENT to the fullest, watch out! The Law of Concurrence can rob you of both the moment and the memories.

In our ministries we go for years without a real crossroad. And then, multiple choices face us. It is nice when the Law of Concurrence “dove-tails” into one clear path.

As the “new” Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission, I am not sur-

prised at all that the “lottery” was front and center during my first Legislative Session. I believe the lottery will be an even greater threat during the upcoming session in 2018. Other critical issues will also arise concurrently. We need you to be prayed up and to speak up.

Many believe events happen in “3’s.” They also happen in “4’s,” “5’s,” and “6’s.” Be careful that you don’t allow all the clutter and all the clatter to distract you from the focus of living life to the fullest. Learn to live with the Law of Concurrence.

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