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There is a story of a county superintendent of education who had three applications to fill one vacancy among school bus drivers. He devised this scheme for selecting the proper man.

The superintendent took the first applicant to a sharp curve on a steep grade along the road and asked, “How close can you drive the bus to the edge of the road on the curve without going over the cliff with the children?” The interested driver looked and replied, “I believe I can go to withing two inches and still be safe.”

The second person who had applied for the job heard the same proposition. He checked the curve and told the county official, “I believe I can drive within one inch of the edge and not go over the precipice.”

When the superintendent took the third driver to the same highway scene and made a similar proposition to him, the applicant immediately asked, “Do you think I am crazy? I’m not interested in seeing how close I can get to the edgewith the bus. I’ll be trying to see how far I can keep away from the danger line with the bus.” He received the job.

There is a borderline between the church and the world for the Christian. The church means “the called out from the kingdom of sin.” John said, “Love not the world, neither the things *that* *are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

One who seeks to stay just as near the world. of sin as possible and remain a Christian has the wrong attitude. An individual, as the driver, should stay just as far away from the danger zone as possible. Paul wrote, “Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Rom. 12:9).