

from experience that by faithfully waxing even cars that are 8 or 9 years old it can really completely renew their appearance & make them much more pleasant to look at. A few dabs of paint over rust spots will also help make the car look nicer as well as retard the rust.

15. DAD ALSO KEEPS THE INSIDE OF THE CAR VERY CLEAN as well, which makes it much more uplifting to travel in, & also a much better testimony. He always makes sure that in the car there is Kleenex, or paper towels, & some cheap cologne which can be used to clean your hands & refresh yourself after having done such dirty jobs as checking the oil etc, & a rag to clean the windows with. He also usually asks that we keep a blanket in the car to keep people warm if necessary when they are out, or also for a little fun if the chance presents itself.

16. WE ALSO KEEP A THERMOMETER--the magnetic kind that can go on your dashboard--so you can know the temperature inside the car, as well as the little compass that has a suction cup which goes on the dash, as he likes to know what direction we are going when driving.

17. DAD ALSO CARRIES IN THE CAR VARIOUS MAPS OF THE REGION that we live in, & uses them a lot, referring to them to make sure we don't get lost. He tries to explore all the little roads in the local area where we live & really gets to know the area well--even better than the locals.

18. WE ALSO TRY TO KEEP IN THE TRUNK or boot of the car various extra accessories that would be a help in case of any minor breakdowns. This includes an extra can of oil, preferably the same brand as you have in your car already; an empty gaso-line can in case you run out of gas, which should never happen, if you watch the gauges; spare light bulbs for your headlights/tail-lights, & small tool kit. The jack must be in good working order, & of course the spare tire, which should be checked from time to time to make sure it hasn't lost any air.

19. WHEN PARKED, DAD ALWAYS MAKES SURE NOTHING IS ON THE DASHBOARD or in the seat which would in any way attract attention to the car or tempt someone to break in. So when we park we make sure anything that would even look remotely valuable is either put in the trunk or under the seat or covered by a blanket, sweater or newspaper, so that no one will be tempted to break in. As he so often says, "The hand-

bag might be empty but the person trying to break in doesn't know this, & we don't want to have a broken window for him to find out!"--We always cover any cassette tapes with newspapers or sweater, & if the glove compartment is empty we even leave that open to show people clearly there is nothing in it & thus no reason to break in.

20. DAD ALWAYS MAKES SURE WE STAY UP TO DATE ON ANY NECESSARY CAR MAINTENANCE, & believes in patronising one garage in the neighbourhood if possible, so that you get to know them & can trust & rely on them. As he has so often said in the classes, "It is so important to know your mechanic & to check on him regularly during repairs to make sure that he is actually doing the work which he claims he is doing."

21. WHENEVER THE CAR HAS ANY KIND OF REPAIR AT ALL, he always asks us, "Did you sit there & watch the fellow do the work?"--How do you know he did it?" He also said that if you are taking a car to a garage to get some kind of repair done, it is always good for the first questions to be "How much will it cost to do such-a-such job?", as this shows you are concerned about the price & that there is a possibility if it is too much you'll take it to someone else. Otherwise, if you leave asking him the cost until the last question, he will probably think that the money doesn't matter for you & he will charge you more. Needless to say he believes in keeping the car in very good mechanical condition & making sure that everything is working!!!

22. WHEN YOU ARE SENDING THE CAR TO A GARAGE TO BE FIXED, always be sure that you empty everything out, tools, blankets, tapes etc, so there is nothing in the car that someone could be tempted to steal.

23. WHEN A TRIP IS OVER & WE'VE PARKED THE CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY FOR THE NIGHT, Dad always checks to see if we've left any lights on or doors unlocked. He says it's always best to keep the car completely locked even on private property in order to discourage theft. He also will check to see that the windows are rolled up tight to avoid any rain coming in which can damage the interior & cause the floor to eventually rust out.

24. DAD PREFERENCES THAT WE ALWAYS HAVE ALL THE DOORS LOCKED even when driving, as an extra added security and safety measure. When Grandmother was in her sixties she

was driving one day with the driver's door unlocked & when she stopped at the traffic light a man walked up, opened the door & said, "Move over, lady. I'm driving!"--He must have been mighty surprised when Grandmother pushed the accelerator to the floor leaving him in the dust!

These situations can be avoided, however, by just keeping your doors locked; it helps keep the children from falling out as well.

25. ONCE WHEN TELLING US ABOUT TRAILER LIFE Dad said he recommends that all people who are driving caravans try to take the superways whenever possible. He says that it is by far the best on safety & your nerves, & even if you have to pay a little, it will pay off in less repairs & tire blow-outs & saves time. He says, "Anybody who doesn't take the superhighways when they can when they are driving their caravan is absolutely insane!"

26. WE SHOULD NEVER BRING A CAR HOME WHICH HAS LESS THAN HALF A TANK OF GAS, so we usually try to tank up before coming in. Dad told us there's no excuse for running out of gas, & "if any of you do, I hope you'll have to walk a long long way to get some, so you'll never let it happen again!"

27. HE EXPECTS THE PERSON SITTING IN THE FRONT SEAT WITH THE DRIVER to more or less act as a navigator & help the driver as much as possible. This involves pointing out any potential hazards in the road ahead, keeping a look-out to see when traffic lights change, warning the driver of turns in the road ahead & possible directions & map reading--Anything that can help the driver in his job. He mainly just wants the person acting as navigator to be a help to the driver in any way possible. *(Eyes are better than 2.)*

28. WHEN WE DRIVE HERE, EVEN IF IT IS THE SMALLEST ERRAND, it is a rule that we go two-by-two so no one will have to drive anywhere by himself. If there should be a breakdown & help is needed or an accident where an extra witness is necessary, you'd be glad you had someone else along.

29. WHILE DRIVING MANY TIMES, one of the passengers will say "Oh, look at that!" To which Dad will sometimes comment to the driver, "Son, you keep your eyes on the road & we'll do the looking!"

30. IF THERE IS A TAPE DECK IN THE CAR, Dad always prefers that we play soft instrumental relaxing music which is very soothsinging & relaxes everybody & makes the car much more pleasant. We often

sing old hymns or songs which are so uplifting & inspiring & make the miles just fly by!

31. DRIVING'S SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH REQUIRES LOTS OF PRAYER, not only when you're beginning the journey but the whole time! When driving, Dad will pray many times, thanking the Lord for keeping us safely so far & asking His help for the rest of the way, to "Preserve thy going out & thy coming in". He stresses the importance of the driver's task & expects us to be prayerful, asking the Lord to give us great wisdom in our driving.

32. SO IF YOU DRIVE, BE SURE TO PRAY! Maybe you could learn the little song we all sing together as we go:

(Sing first the old hymn):
TAKE THE NAME OF JESUS WITH YOU.

Child of sorrow & of woe,
It will joy & comfort give you,

Take it everywhere you go!

(Chorus):
PRECIOUS NAME, OH HOW SWEET!

Hope of Earth & joy of Heaven!

Precious Name, oh how sweet!

Hope of Earth & joy of Heaven!

(Then to the same old tune, sing):
NOW GO WITH US, PRECIOUS SAVIOUR.

As we journey on our way,

Keep our tires & bless our engine,

Be Thou with us all the way!

(Chorus):
PRECIOUS GUIDE, BLESSED GUIDE,

Without Thee we dare not ride!

Precious Guide, Blessed Guide,

We are safe when by Thy side!

NOW GO WITH US PRECIOUS SAVIOUR.

As we roll Thy praise we'll sing,

Hide our car & all the family

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