

■ THE FLAT TIRE

"I can't believe it. I knew I shouldn't have done it. Why did I do this?" Steve complained to himself.

Steve's parents had loaned him their new Thunderbird to drive to the lake with his friends. He had let his girl friend drive, even though she had only received her driver's permit three weeks before. She had taken a turn a little too fast and had hit the side of the mountain. Luckily, no one was hurt, but the front of the car was demolished. A front tire blew out on impact.

Steve was in a quandary. It was bad enough that his folks' new car was wrecked, but if they knew his girl friend had been driving . . . well, . . . he didn't want to think about it. He finally decided to tell his parents that he was driving, that the tire went flat, and that he lost control of the car. It was risky, but the alternatives were a lot worse.

- ▶ What would you do if you were Steve?
- ▶ What if Steve's girl friend had been seriously injured?
- ▶ What if it was Steve's car?
- ▶ What if, after hearing Steve's story, Steve's parents decide to sue the tire manufacturer because the tire was defective?

- Scripture Guide: Genesis 26:7 Proverbs 19:18
 Psalm 120:2-3 Proverbs 29:6
 Proverbs 12:17, 19, 22 Isaiah 40:28-31