Why should we have a driver’s license – it doesn’t make sense.

I think the Government should scrap driver’s licenses. I don’t think they make sense in today’s world.

Here’s why.

When you turn a certain age, depending where you live, you can sit for a learner’s permit. If you pass a test and pay a fee, you can get your permit.

You then need to learn to drive competently displaying ‘L’ plates, do a fixed amount of hours supervised driving and keep a log book of those hours.

Then you have to set another test, pass it, and then do a supervised driving test to prove you can do what you have practiced. If you pass both tests and pay a fee, you get your red ‘P’ plates for one year.

If you don’t make any mistakes, or get caught making mistakes, don’t drive with any alcohol or drugs at all in your body, don’t use a mobile phone at all while driving, follow the rules set in each state about speed limits and passengers and the size of a car, and always display your red ‘P’ plate, after a year you can move to your Green ‘P’ plates.

Similar rules apply. There are speed restrictions, vehicle size rules, phone use is banned, passenger restrictions, reduced demerit points and of course the green ‘P’ plates have to be displayed in the correct manner.

After holding your green ‘P’ license for 2 years, if you haven’t made any mistakes, you can move onto your open license, of course, after paying a fee.

A young person can have an open license after 4 years of hard work and learning, if they don’t make any mistakes.

But to do the most important thing in the world, creating the next generation, young people are having sex, with little or no teaching, training or rules in place that will help them avoid the mistakes that are happening in many families.

The reality is that most families in Australia, of many different types, are created without strong and agreed values in place, and that, for those who do get married, the divorce rate is high.

Imagine what it could be like if we needed to do personal and family and parenting training, at least equivalent to what we have to do to get a driver’s license.

As far as I can see Parenting training, that matches the intellectual understanding of society today, is more important than the training required to get a driver’s license.

After all, dysfunction in families is the factor that is the cause of nearly every social problem we are facing today. This includes homelessness, binge drinking and alcohol use, suicide, family break-ups, domestic violence, and the list goes on and on. Why do we spent so much time trying to solve the problem and not addressing the cause?

Without strong parenting training we create generations of young people who are immature in many aspects of their lives. What a waste of a life. By the age of 18 we should be mature physically, emotionally and spiritually. Unfortunately, this is rarely happening, evenly in many families who have a faith basis for their lives.

It’s time to fix the family and the Bible gives us all the instruction we need.

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