

A Carjacking Foiled

“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” James 1:19

Upon returning from her shopping trip, an elderly lady walked to her car to find four young men in it. She dropped her shopping bags, drew her handgun from her purse and proceeded to scream at the top of her voice, “I know how to use this and I Will if I have to! Get out of that car!”

The four men didn’t wait around to a second invitation to exit the car- they got out and rant like mad, whereupon the lady proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car. As she settled comfortably into the driver’s seat and prepared to start the car, she discovered that her key didn’t fit the ignition.

Feeling a bit silly, she realized that the car she was in wasn’t hers at all! She got out and found her car just four spaces away, where she loaded her bags and immediately drove to the police station.

The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly fell apart with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter- where four pale young men were report a carjacking by a mad elderly woman. No charges were filed.

Our first impression of a situation can turn out to be incorrect. Sometimes, we need to pause and not rush to make a judgment or decision.