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## Wisdom For The Week :

Often we appear to have moral convictions in our life that are actually only RESTRICTIONS. That is, we don't do something because we are taught it is wrong, but deep down inside we wish we could.

What our true convictions are deep down inside is what we will normally do when we are in the face of sever temptation.

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(Contributed by Rea Newell..... Thanks Rea)

A fourth year UCLA law student was sitting in a U.S. government class when the professor asked what the Roe v. Wade decision was.

The student in question sat there for quite a while pondering the profound question and finally sighed and said, "I think that was the decision George Washington made prior to crossing the Delaware."

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## Consumer TipS

If you are being harassed by sales people on the phone here is how you can stop it:

1. When they call, before they have a chance to even start their sales pitch we just say to them, "What you need to do to get off their calling list?" Without exception they will stop and read you a little prepared statement that by law they have to read saying you will be removed from their list and it may take from 6 to 8 weeks. They they will just say good bye. And they actually do take you off the list. If that company ever calls you back after you have asked to be removed, you can fine them \$600 so they don't call back. Especially the big guys like American Express or Capitol One bank. Their reputation is very important to them. It has reduced our soliciting phone calls by 90% by doing it consistently with every call for about a year now.

2. We bought a little device from the store called TELLEZAPPER that blocks computer calls. It works really good to block calls generated by a computer. Every time we answer any call, when we say hello you will hear a little soft tone first. If it was a call dialed from a computer (which most telemarketing sales phone calls are) that tone tells the

computer that dialed your number that it is a disconnected number. The computer then hangs up and removes you from that calling list. You then have a call with no one there.

So it takes a while for them to stop. But they have actually almost all stopped now. Before it was 3 or 4 or 5 a day. We get very few calls now. Just a few local people like the fireman's union and when we ask to be removed they don't call back either. It actually has worked even though it took a little time.

Eventually we will have that national Don't Call list that we can get on. But for now this is working quite well.

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Make it a wonderful and happy week!!!!
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