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Temptation and Selfishness

You are not good enough. No one is. You are not strong enough to hold someone's life under your thumbs. Who are you and I to make split-second decisions about when it is justified to put people in danger? You might only glance at your phone on an empty road. You might only text at red lights. But the human mind does not have the strength to resist all temptation alone. Left to our own devices, many people would rather send a quick text on the road than let our friends think we don't care about them, even for a minute. It's the same reason why students procrastinate and diets fail. Without community, it is very hard for people to achieve good things. If the teacher doesn't care, why do your homework? When we are isolated in cars, there is no one around to suggest that this might not be the right time to check social media. That's why taking the It Can Wait pledge is imperative to help ourselves make better decisions. When you know that other people care about the same thing as you, it is much harder to let everyone down. Next time your phone buzzes while cruising down the road, remember the 14 million other people who are doing what they can to make sure that their lives are not changed in an instant. Driving distracted is selfish. It is arrogant to believe that any of us could text and drive without considerable risk. For all of us who want to be part of the community that values safety over selfishness, all we have to do is take the pledge.