

## **Stewardship Sighting: Public Transportation**

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For the first time I have a monthly Transit pass. Now I have a commitment to help combat global warming by leaving my car at home. I was feeling changed with myself until I phoned my brother in England. He now has to commute from Chester to Northampton two days per week. That's halfway across the country — two and a half hours each way! All those emissions. All that waste! And he has no choice.

It made me wonder. How futile is my small personal sacrifice; how meaningless in the big picture. But taking transit has changed me. It changes my perspective. I feel closer to people, everyday civilities cheer me and I am more conscious of my community, social space, and the homeless. Maybe in the big picture my action will not change the world, but it changes me and perhaps this is where God has planted a seed.