

#4 "Building The Right Fences"

1. Boundaries are an _____ part of life.

We're encouraged to have emotional and relational boundaries.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Philippians 4:8 (NIV) Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 (NIV) Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

Proverbs 22:24-25 (NIV) Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

2. Boundaries define " _____ zones."

Galatians 6:5 (NIV) For each one should carry their own load.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (TPT) Now, we hear rumors that some of you are being lazy and neglecting to work—that these people are not busy but busybodies! So with the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, we order them to go back to work in an orderly fashion and exhort them to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, don't ever grow weary in doing what is right.

You are responsible for your:

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____ and _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

3. Boundaries help _____ us from trespasses and trespassing.

Matthew 6:14 (AMP) For if you forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins], your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Healthy boundaries keep us from:

- Going where we shouldn't go.
- Doing what we shouldn't do.
- Speaking when we shouldn't speak.
- Controlling what we're not responsible to control.

4. Relationship boundaries require regular _____ and _____.

5. Honoring boundaries builds _____ respect and trust.