

Spiritual Boundaries

Boundaries - Part 4

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God is a God of boundaries.

Spiritual boundaries are just as real and important as other boundaries.

Lies tear down.

The truth builds up.

"¹⁶But the Lord God warned him, 'You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— ¹⁷except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.'" Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT)

"One day he asked the woman, 'Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?'" Genesis 3:1 (NLT)

God is truth.

The devil is a liar.

"He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44 (NLT)

God's Word gives us God's boundaries.

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

10 Commandments

Nothing before God

Don't worship images

Don't misuse His name

Rest on the Sabbath

Honor your parents

Don't kill

Stay faithful to your spouse

Don't steal

Tell the truth

Be content

Matthew Chapters 5-8

Don't murder? Don't let anger control you

Adultery? Don't let lust rule you

Don't settle for divorce

Revenge? Turn the other cheek

Love your enemies

Give to those in need

Pray and fast

Trust God more than money

Don't let worry consume you

Don't judge others
Do to others what you want done to you

Every spiritual boundary has a **blessing** and a **consequence**.

When you're scared or confused, tell the truth.

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.'" John 14:6 (NLT)

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 (NLT)

⁸All who came before Me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. ⁹Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through Me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:8-10 (NLT)