

Six Laws of Boundaries

Boundaries - Part 3

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God's world is set up with laws and principles.

Spiritual realities are as real as gravity, and if you do not know them, you will discover their effects.

The Law of Sowing and Reaping

*"⁷For **whatever** a person sows he **will** also reap, ⁸because the one who sows to his flesh **will reap** destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit **will reap** eternal life from the Spirit."* Galatians 6:7-8 (CSB)

The Law of Responsibility

I am only responsible **TO** you, not responsible **FOR** you.

Jesus said, "Love your neighbor **as** yourself." He didn't say love your neighbor **instead** of yourself.

*"¹²Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, work out **your own** salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to His good purpose."* Philippians 2:12-13 (CSB)

The Law of Respect

The problem is that we judge **others' boundaries**.

*"Therefore, **whatever you want** others to do for you, do also the same for them ... "* Matthew 7:12 (CSB)

If you want others to respect your no, respect **their no**.

The Law of Motivation

*"³⁵In every way I've shown you that it is necessary to help the weak by laboring like this and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, because He said, '**It is more blessed to give than to receive.**'"* Acts 20:35-36 (CSB)

Are we motivated by **love** or **fear**?

The Law of Mindset

*"Set **your minds** on things above, not on earthly things."* Colossians 3:2 (CSB)

What you think about, you care about, and what you care about, you chase.

*"⁴ ... We demolish arguments ⁵and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we **take every thought captive** to obey Christ."* 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (CSB)

The Law of Exposure

A boundary is a **property line**. It defines **where you begin and end**.

“Clear is kind; Unclear is unkind.” - Brene Brown

*“²⁵Therefore, putting away lying, **speak the truth**, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and don't give the devil an opportunity.” Ephesians 4:25-27 (CSB)*

The biblical mandate is to be **honest** and be in the **light**.

Communicate your boundaries openly and honestly.