

# Boundaries In Marriage

01-23-11

Pastor Ted Bichsel

To find recorded teachings and notes > [www.sgtmarriages.com](http://www.sgtmarriages.com)



## The Laws of Boundaries Part 2

Not about what I think, but what God says it is.

### Law 6 The Law of Evaluation Rom 12:17-21

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

#### >The Key question is:

- >Do my boundaries cause pain to others that lead to injury?
- >Or do these same boundaries lead to growth? THIS IS WHAT WE WANT.
- > There is a difference between abuse and healthy boundaries. A difference between the alcoholic that destroys a family and the willing AA attendee. Credit Card debt or learning to work a Budget?
- >Just because someone is in pain, does not mean that something bad is happening". The Sacred Marriage>"What if God intended marriage to make you holy not just happy?"
- >Romans 5:3 Growth in evaluation of pain and injury.  
Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. NIV

#### Evaluation requires:

- >Prayer/counsel/forgiveness/and agape love> 1 Corinthians 13
- >Evaluation makes sure that our flesh is not bitter and unforgiving and that it is submitted to the Word of God. The WE ALL GROW in the SAFETY OF BOUNDARIES IN OUR MARRIAGE.

### Law7 The Law of Proactively Prov 29:18

18 here there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.ASV

- >This is a real safety net for many marriages. Instead of explosion or implosion there is a value system that is in place for the marriage that you can refer to in EVERY situation
  - >Key is to have biblical values. Our minds/hearts/flesh are renewed by Christ alone.
  - >Our values and foundation is bible Based, NOT experienced or "family history" based.
  - >As believers our proactive response or action must be biblical and not just "feelings".
  - >A Biblical response builds a foundation for the next time. A flesh response just builds for a win and not with a vision of God's future.....Jeremiah 29:11

## Law 8 The Law of Envy Ps 37:4-7

4 Delight **yourself** in the Lord

and he will **give you the desires of your** heart. 5 **Commit your way** to the Lord;

trust in him and he will do this: 6 He will make **your righteousness** shine like the dawn,

the justice **of your cause** like the noonday sun. 7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

NIV

>Envy is devaluing what we have thinking it is not enough. We then focus on what others have...or what is out there.

> Envy re-sets Boundaries based on what others have, not on who we are and what God has/or is establishing in our lives.

>Key here is to realize that God has established you uniquely in this relationship. By owning the relationship you are then free to:

>See your part in the boundary setting

>Repent for not honoring the boundaries of your spouse.

>Be teachable when looking at how your “disconnect” from the relationship while all the while hoping for another. Realize how this has hindered your growth in the relationship and in your ministry into the life of your spouse.

> Our desires, when lined up with scripture, can release us to bring the safety in our relationships.

>We can't delight in the marriages or of others> Delight yourself in the Lord's heart for a covenant marriage

>Commit your way to His Marriage Principles and not the flesh/worlds ways.

>Your righteousness is the result of your relationship with Him. He wants to be reflected in your life and our marriage. He has the boundaries that reflect HIM!

## Law 9 The Law of Activity Rom 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

>The Law of Activity says that you are safe as long as you are actively keeping the agreed boundaries.

Nehemiah built walls around the City to be sure that the Jerusalem would be safe for those living there and to re-establish the Temple. Everything he did was to re-establish the literal boundaries of the city.

>To build boundaries you have to step out of your comfort zone and into the “new” direction that the Lord is calling you to.

>Our efforts to build in areas like finances, intimacy, communication, roles, etc communicate to our spouse that they have value as well. Our positive activity on any boundary tells our spouse that they are valuable too.

## Law 10 The Law of Exposure Eph 5:19-21

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

>Communicate what really matters to you> remember to focus on “whatsoever is good and lovely...think on these things.

>We are building a marriage that is dynamic, not passive. Our desire is to move towards His vision for our marriages and then protect what we learn TOGETHER!

>The more we talk to each other, work through the bumps or mountains, the more the world around us will see the Marriage boundaries we have secured in Christ. We now have Covenant Boundaries.