

Boundaries In Marriage

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Boundary Values in Your Marriage

Love of God

How can you commit to doing what God is going to ask of you?

The Basic Boundary Foundation > Loving God > Mark 12: 30

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. NIV

- Loving God becomes our orienting principle
 - > We adjust to our **“Love of God” Marriage Boundary** to what He requires.
 - > Our need to change is now subject to Him and not to ME
 - Our desire as a Christian is to please Him, not ourselves first.
 - One of the characteristics of our Marriage Boundary is our Love of God > it **defines the purpose** of our boundary.
 - > We ultimately have to deal with God as our “bottom line”. If we love Him with our entire being then our marriage is changed in its purpose.
 - > We submit to this reality and His higher calling to us is to grow. Love will always cause us to grow.
 - > Loving God gives us a safe place. We are unified in the place of our love for Him that over flows our life and touches each other.

Loving God Gives You Vision in Your Boundaries > Deut 6:4-9

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 **Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.** 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. NIV

- The “Love God” Boundary allows us to raise our children in a “Loving God” environment. Our Marriage Boundary includes ALL of our life. ALL of our life loving God.
- God’s principles, laws and promises are all released by loving God, not just doing what He tells us to. Relationship with God teaches relationship with each other. We are learners of the boundaries set by loving God, not just religion.
- Loving God empowers us to change. The Boundary is Christ Centered change.

Loving God Empowers Us to Overcome the World | John 5:2-5

This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. NIV

The World's Fruits:

- 1 Cor 3:3-4
3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you **not worldly**? Are you not acting like mere men? NIV
- 2 Cor 1:12-13
...and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done **so not according to worldly** wisdom but according to God's grace. NIV
- Titus 2:11-12
For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say "**No**" to **ungodliness and worldly passions**, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, NIV

Key> God's commandments are not up for grabs anymore:

We choose to be obedient to:

1 Corinthians 13	<i>Agape love is....</i>
Galatians 5	<i>Fruit of the Spirit..love, joy, peace</i>
Ephesians 5	<i>Husbands love and wives respect</i>
James 1: 19ff	<i>Quick to listen/slow to speak</i>
James 4: 4	<i>Love of the world=hatred towards God.</i>

Bottom Boundary line:

Discuss:

1. What does it feel like or sound like when you spouse is trying to set-up biblical boundaries in a particular area? Good or Bad...The impact is key.
2. Which "worldly standard" seems the hardest to deal with as we live in this world?
3. How does the loving God boundary protect your marriage???

Our Marriage Boundaries are not about our surviving, they are about living out all that the Lord has set before us. We now have access to vision, direction, hope and a future. This is all birthed out of our relationship with God...the love relationship.

Love God Boundaries Create:

1. A safe place to grow
2. A sense of safety knowing the way the story goes.(i.e the Bible)
3. The certainty that certain areas are closed forever.
4. Some areas are closed for a season.
5. Some areas are closed forever period.
6. When other try and break in you have a place to "fight" from.