

# BOUNDARIES AND YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

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*"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."* Proverbs 4:23

God's Design for Relationships:

A Balance of Two Elements

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*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10

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*"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ."* Ephesians 4:15

Crazy Relationships: Out of Balance

Because of Control Issues

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*"Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy."* Romans 13:13

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*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* Galatians 5:1

Restoring God's Balance

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*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ...for each one should carry their own load."* Galatians 6:2,5

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*"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over."* Matthew 18:15

The Skills to Learn

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*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."* John 13:34

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*"All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."* Matthew 5:37

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*"A hot-tempered person must pay the penalty; rescue them, and you will have to do it again."* Proverbs 19:19

Conclusion: Your Hope for a Great Relationship

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*“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.” 2 Corinthians 13:11*