

## Boundaries - cont.

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the word of God concerning proper behavior and improper behavior (Numbers 22:18; Matthew 16:19; 18:18; 1 Corinthians 4:6; 2 John 9).

### **The Devil Has No Boundaries**

In contrast to God, the Devil's way is popular today because he promotes "freedom" – no limitations (Gen. 2:16; 3:1ff). "Lasciviousness," for example, is a work of the flesh and it means to act without restraint; without limitations (Gal. 5:19). This is how the Devil wants you to live ... no rules, no boundaries.

### **Christians Have Boundaries**

Do Christians have boundaries? Yes, Christians have personal "liberties," but they may not use them to cause others to sin (1 Cor. 8:9; 10:29). They are "free," but not free to sin (Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 2:16). Christians have a law of "liberty," but not a liberty to sin (Jas. 1:25; 2:12).

Friends, boundaries are actually good for us. They protect us from all that would hurt us. Let us live within God's boundaries and be blessed and benefitted with a good life!

- Chris Reeves -

## - Thought of the Week -

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How do I respond to God's grace, mercy, goodness, and compassion? Everyday God is good to me in so many ways. He helps me. He answers my prayers. He providentially looks over me. So, how do I respond to all of God's goodness and graciousness? Am I grateful? Am I humble and repentant? Am I obedient to the best of my ability? Or, am I continuing in a life of sin? What do I give God in return for all the good he gives to me? I am going to give God my best service this week.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# The Blessings and Benefits from God's Boundaries

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*He hath described a boundary upon the face of the waters, unto the confines of light and darkness (Job 26:10, ASV)*

*When He set a boundary for the sea so that the water would not violate His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth (Proverbs 8:29, NASV)*

When God created the heavens and the earth, he made the seas and set them within boundaries. Our Atlantic ocean and Pacific ocean, for example, mark the borders of our country and they sit within boundaries. The water of these two oceans do not overrun our country because they stay within their boundaries.

## Off Limits!

God not only made boundaries for the seas, but he also made boundaries for others things as well including mankind. God says to mankind that some things in life are off limits!

Have you ever seen an off limits warning sign? We are glad to see that some one cares for us enough to warn us of possible danger. Some areas are off limits because of natural dangers like mud slides. Some areas are off limits because of man-made dangers like

high voltage electric stations. Some areas are off limits because of dangerous animals like lions in a zoo. Some areas are off limits because of special personnel like doctors in an operating room. And, there are many other areas of our world that are off limits and for good reason.



## God Has Boundaries

There are boundaries in the world such as the boundaries of the sea that I have already mentioned (Job 26:10; 38:8-11; Psalm 74:17; Proverbs 8:29; 30:4).

There were boundaries in approaching God such as the Israelites experienced at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:12,23).

There were boundaries in the priesthood regarding who could go in the most holy place and when (Leviticus 16:1-2,34; Hebrews 9:7).

There were boundaries in personal property that were not to be moved (Deuteronomy 19:14; 27:17).

There were boundaries in tribal territory that was not to be changed (Deuteronomy 32:8; Joshua 13-21).

There will always be boundaries in the age of mankind and how long we can live (Job 14:5; Psalm 90:12).

There are boundaries in the location of mankind where we can live (Acts 17:26).

There are boundaries in who can be married (Romans 7:2-3; 1 Corinthians 7:22,39).

There are boundaries in how people behave in society (Romans 13:1-8).

There are boundaries in personal conduct (2 Corinthians 10:13-15).

There are boundaries in the behavior of members of the church (1 Timothy 3:14-15).

There are boundaries in Satan's activity (Job 1-2; Revelation 20:2).

There are boundaries set forth in