



How Boundaries are Developed

"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23

How did I get here? Where did my boundaries come from?

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24

THREE PHASES OF CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

1. _____: Foundation of Character

"And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Genesis 2:18

GOAL: Teach kids they are _____ and _____ unconditionally.

"Two are better than one...for if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls for he has no one to help him up"
Ecclesiastes 4:10

2. _____: Construction of the Individual

GOAL: Give kids _____ to be individual, but _____ to be safe.

3. _____: The Beginning of Boundaries

"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food." Genesis 1:28-29

GOAL: Give safe environment to _____ NO and _____ NO

"Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction." Proverbs 19:18

Seems unfair? Is it my fault I was raised this way?

IT'S NOT MY _____, BUT IT IS MY _____

"For each one shall bear his own load." Galatians 6:5

5 WAYS THAT BOUNDARIES GET INJURED

1. _____ FROM BOUNDARIES

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

2. _____ AGAINST BOUNDARIES

Discipline vs punishment

"If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ... For they [human fathers] indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:7, 10-11

"Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged." Colossians 3:21

3. _____

"But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Hebrews 5:14

4. LACK OF _____

"For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." Hebrews 12:6

5. _____ EXPERIENCES

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound" Isaiah 61:1