

Guardrails Part 2 Relational Wisdom

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Recap

Relational Guardrails:

Did you ever regret meeting someone?

Or how about someone your teenager met?

Or maybe there was that person you or your spouse met?

Our greatest regrets often come from the people we've met.

Today we will look at clear relational guardrails to protect and direct us into God's best for our lives.

Guardrails fall into the category of _____

Eph. 5:15-18 NIV

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶

making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,'

Paul was careful not to give away his _____

1Cor. 6:12 NLT

You say, "I am allowed to do anything" —but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything.

Using Good Judgment is not being Judgmental

Quotes from Northwest University professor and neuroscientist

Moran Cerf in an article in Business Insider Magazine:

"The more we study engagement, we see time and again that just being next to certain people actually aligns your brain with them,"

" If people want to maximize happiness and minimize stress, they should build a life that requires fewer decisions by surrounding themselves with people who embody the traits they prefer. Over time, they'll naturally pick up those desirable attitudes and behaviours.'

King Solomon, the wisest person who ever lived, said 3,000 years ago:

Prov. 13:20 NKJV

He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.

The Warning Lights of Your Conscience Should Go Off...

1. When you realize that your inner circle isn't moving in the direction you want your life to go.

Three Q.'s

_____ are they?

_____ are they?

_____ are they taking me?

Prov. 12:26 NKJV

The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

2. When you find yourself compromising your '_____ self' for your '_____ self'.

3. When you feel _____ to compromise...

The Sort of Friends You Want:

1. Those whose _____ is constant.

Proverbs 17:17 NKJV

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

2. Those who are _____.

Proverbs 18:24 AMP

The man of many friends [a friend of all the world] will prove himself a bad friend, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

3. Those who are not afraid to _____ you.

Proverbs 27:6 NIV

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.