

Guard Your Personal Boundaries

Personal boundaries are those you set to protect yourself. This is usually protection from people, but it also refers to the enemy as well. However, if the King is our protector under his covenant with us, why do we need to set boundaries to protect ourselves?

The answer to that is simple: We don't have an event-free life on Earth in a protective 'bubble'. We are in a war, a spiritual war, and the main offensive weapon the enemy uses against us is ourselves & other people. He especially likes to turn our friends and family against us because it hurts us more. We all know from experience that our King doesn't protect us from the 'attacks' of people, so how are we to deal with this?

Here's what the King has to say about it:

*"Make sure that you are under My protection and that no one has violated your personal boundaries. You must maintain your spiritual space so that you cannot be taken advantage of or exploited in any way, says the Lord. I will give you the discernment and wisdom to know if there have been any breaches."*¹

It's up to each of us to set spiritual boundaries and guard ourselves from being encroached on by others. This is done in the natural as well as the spirit because our spiritual enemy uses the natural realm (people) against us. His intent is to destroy us, but if he can't do that he's happy to wound us or hurt us so we are distracted or sidelined from our Kingdom work. The wounds from the 'attacks' from people also slows down our growth & development as sons, to the point where some event give up.

Don't believe that the enemy manipulates Christians who don't allow their spirit to control their person and who don't set personal boundaries – including you?

Check out this vision that was given to Rick Joyner by Jesus. It's about the battles of the Last Days that we are facing right now, So it has current realities that are very relevant to my question.

"I saw a demonic army so large that it stretched as far as I could see. It was separated into divisions, with each carrying a different banner. The foremost and most powerful divisions were Pride, Self righteousness, Respectability, Selfish Ambition, and Unrighteous Judgment, but the largest of all was Jealousy. The leader of this vast army was the Accuser of the Brethren himself. I knew that there were many more evil divisions beyond my scope of vision, but these were the vanguard of this terrible horde from hell that was now being released against the church.

The weapons carried by this horde had names on them: the swords were named Intimidation; the spears were named Treachery; and their arrows were named Accusations, Gossip, Slander and Fault-finding. Scouts and smaller companies of demons with such names as Rejection, Bitterness, Impatience, Unforgiveness and Lust were sent in advance of this army to prepare for the main attack. I knew in my heart that the church had never faced anything like this before.

The main assignment of this army was to cause division. It was sent to attack every level of relationship-churches with each other, congregations with their pastors, husbands and wives, children and parents, and even children with each other. The scouts were sent to locate the openings in churches, families or individuals that rejection, bitterness, lust, etc., could exploit and make a larger breach for the divisions that were coming.

The most shocking part of this vision was that this horde was not riding on horses, but on Christians! Most of them were well-dressed, respectable, and had the appearance of being refined and educated. These were Christians who had opened themselves to the powers of darkness to such a degree that the enemy could use them and they would think that they were being used by God. The Accuser knows that

1 – Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (20-1-2020) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm

a house divided cannot stand, and this army represented his ultimate attempt to bring such complete division to the church that she would completely fall from grace.

Trailing behind these first divisions were a vast multitude of other Christians who were prisoners of this army. They were all wounded, and were guarded by little demons of Fear. There seemed to be more prisoners than there were demons in the army. Surprisingly, these prisoners still had their swords and shields, but they did not use them. It was shocking to see that so many could be kept captive by so few of these little demons of Fear. These could have easily been destroyed or driven off if the prisoners had just used their weapons.”²

Set personal boundaries and oversee them at all times. The enemy will use people to probe these boundaries wherever you are – home, school & work are the most intense. When you show weakness in any boundary he knows that’s the place for concerted attack against you.

You’re in control of yourself, so don’t neglect this vital spiritual activity.

NOTE: More on personal boundaries at a later date.

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2 – Rick Joyner (1996) “The Hordes of Hell Are Marching” (A summary of “The Final Quest” Part 1 p:16-20)
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