



“For each one shall bear his own
load” ***Galatians 6:5***

Defining the boundaries of our responsibilities



Highlights

1. Why is it important to define the boundaries of the responsibility?
2. Commonly confused boundaries



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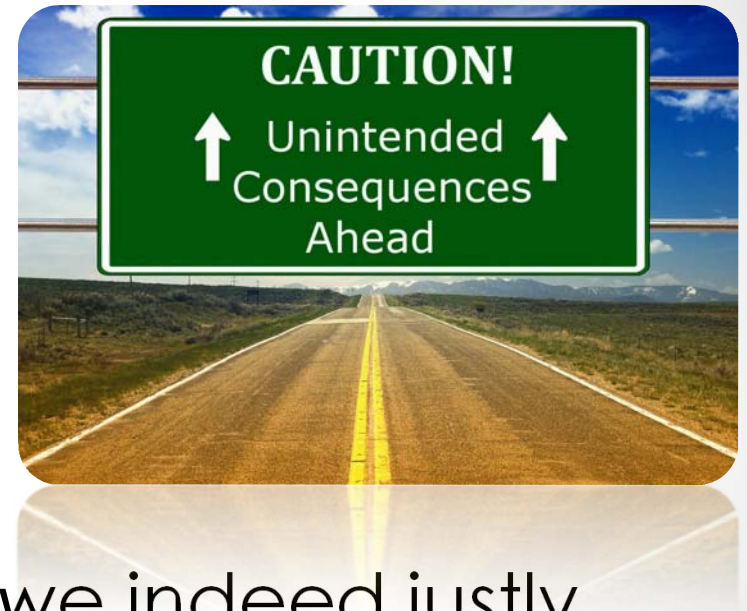
1. Boundaries will define success and failure with a given task
2. Motivation to continue the work depends on well-defined boundaries
3. Preparing for Judgement Day



Commonly Confused Boundaries



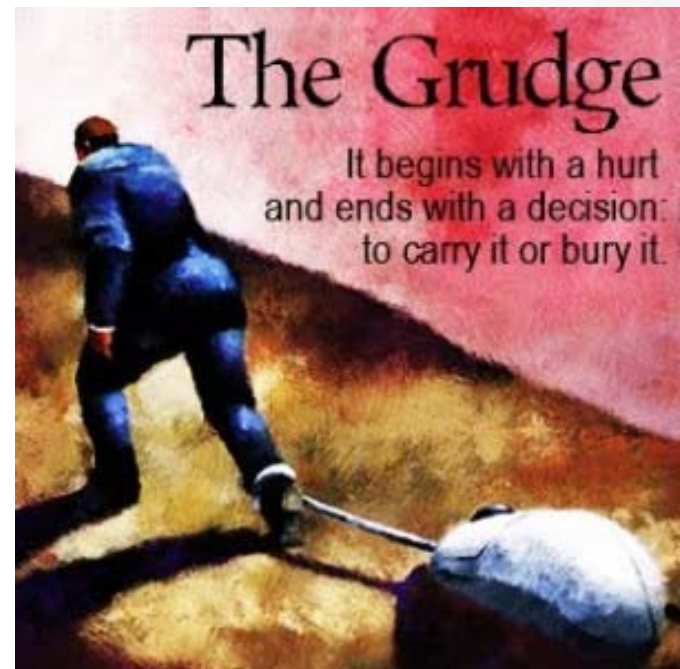
1. Responsibility is for choices...and their consequences



The right-hand thief: “And we indeed justly,
for we receive the due reward of our deeds”

Luke 23:41

2. My feelings are *my* responsibility



3. I am responsible for
my household, not for
setting the world in
order



“But as for me and my house, we will serve
the LORD.” *Joshua 24:15*

“I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person”

1 Corinthians 5:9-11



4. I am responsible to
offer peace to everyone,
not for others'
acceptance of this peace



“But whatever house you enter, first say,
‘Peace to this house.’ And if a son of peace is
there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will
return to you” *Luke 10:5-6*

5. As a servant, I am responsible to pass on the message, not for others' conviction



“And He said to me: ‘Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me.... whether they hear or whether they refuse’” *Ezekiel 2:3, 5*

6. I am responsible to *do* the command, regardless of how I feel about it

- Loving my enemy
- Giving while in need
- Praying with absence of consolation
- Being faithful in an unfair work place

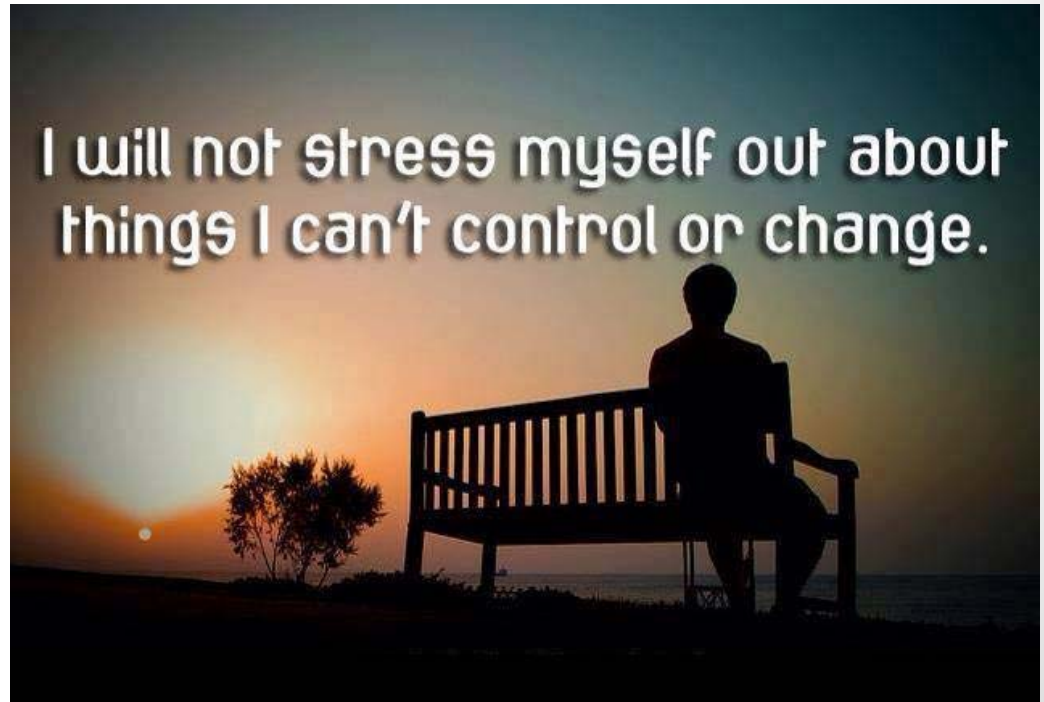


7. I am responsible for the struggle, not for the victory



- The story of the monk who struggled against the sin of fornication for 14 years
- “God has not called me to be successful. He has called me to be faithful.” – Mother Teresa

8. The only person I
should work to change is
myself.



9. I am responsible to “move the stone” not to raise the dead



- The sacraments of the church (the man born blind)
- Moses and delivering Israel out of Egypt
- Gideon and the war against the Midianites

10. When stumbling with an offense, it is my eye that needs to be treated



- “And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you” *Matthew 18:9*