

# Pushing The Boundaries

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## [Deuteronomy 19:14](#)

Do not move your neighbor's boundary stone set up by your predecessors in the inheritance you receive in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess.

## [Deuteronomy 27:17](#)

"Cursed is anyone who moves their neighbor's boundary stone." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"

## [Proverbs 15:25](#)

The Lord tears down the house of the proud, but he sets the widow's boundary stones in place.

## [Proverbs 22:28](#)

Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your ancestors.

## [Proverbs 23:10](#)

Do not move an ancient boundary stone or encroach on the fields of the fatherless,

Boundary Stones represent what God has established and given us in order to bless us, provide for us and protect us.

Changing them represents disrespect of God's ways and rebellion against Him

## [Job 24:2](#)

There are those who move boundary stones; they pasture flocks they have stolen.

## [Hosea 5:10](#)

Judah's leaders are like those who move boundary stones. I will pour out my wrath on them like a flood of water.

When we move them, we are essentially saying that we are not satisfied with what God has given us... That God didn't know what He was doing when He set them up... We shouldn't have to live within the confines of what He has laid out for us... We don't believe it is enough...

Hosea's prophecies remind us that God has given us spiritual boundary stones as well. He has given us what is good and right, holy and pure. Changing those boundaries leads us to actions outside of God's will for us. It says we are not satisfied with what He in His wisdom has provided for us...

## Hosea 4

4 Hear the word of the Lord, you Israelites, because the Lord has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: “There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land. 2 There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds,

6 my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. “Because you have rejected knowledge... because you have ignored the law of your God,

10 “..they have deserted the Lord to give themselves 11 to prostitution; old wine and new wine take away their understanding.

12 My people consult a wooden idol, and a diviner’s rod speaks to them. A spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God.

It's no different then what Adam and Eve did in the Garden... They believed the lies of the enemy that said they didn't have to live within the boundaries of what God had given them. (the fruit of all the trees of the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil)... They deserved to extend those boundaries... because God was holding out on them something that was good and that they would enjoy.

What are the boundary stones that God has given us?

There are two sides to it... All that is within the boundaries and all that is outside of the boundaries...

## 2 Peter 1:3-11

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Galatians 5:16-21

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

How are we guilty of moving these Boundary Stones?

#### We move them unwittingly

Without knowledge and understanding (unknowingly or unintentionally)

If we don't know what the boundaries are we can't possibly make sure they stay in place

#### 2 Peter 2:7-8 (NASB)

7 and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, *who* was oppressed by the perverted conduct of unscrupulous people 8 (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),

His moving of Boundary Stones began when he "Pitched his tent toward Sodom (Genesis 13)

He didn't even realize he was moving The boundary stones that would affect his family. His wife turned to look back (because she longed for what she had) and was turned to a pillar of salt. His daughters immorally conceived a plan to get pregnant and carry on their family line - by their own father - because they thought that was the "custom all over the earth"

So many have little to no knowledge of the boundary stones God has put in place... and yet we are without excuse, because God has given us detailed instructions in His Word.

## We move them slowly

It's not that much we say...

Genesis 19:20

20 Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared.”

**Video:** Vault in 2000 Olympics - Sydney Australia

It doesn't have to be much...

Jesus said beware of the yeast of the pharisees... meaning watch out for their teachings... They're moving boundary stones... The picture of yeast was also to remind them that it doesn't take much

Paul taught the Galatians and the Corinthians the same principle.

Galatians 5:9

9 “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.”

1 Corinthians 5:6-7

6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? 7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Little by little the stones are moved, adjusted. Not in great amounts at one time but slowly a few inches here a few inches there. But over time we find ourselves miles from where we once were.

## We move them secretly

Right after he told them to be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees...

Luke 12:2-3

2 There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. 3 What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

Jeremiah 16:12

12 But you have behaved more wickedly than your ancestors. See how all of you are following the stubbornness of your evil hearts instead of obeying me.

Jeremiah 16:17

17 My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.

Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

13 People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

## We move them seditiously

Seditiously...incitement of resistance to or insurrection against lawful authority

I am speaking here of the ways in which culture (driven by the spirit of the antichrist) incites us to move the boundary stones of God, creating our own version of good and evil right and wrong.

Abortion

Marriage & Divorce

Sex & Promiscuity

Homosexuality

Gender, Transgenderism

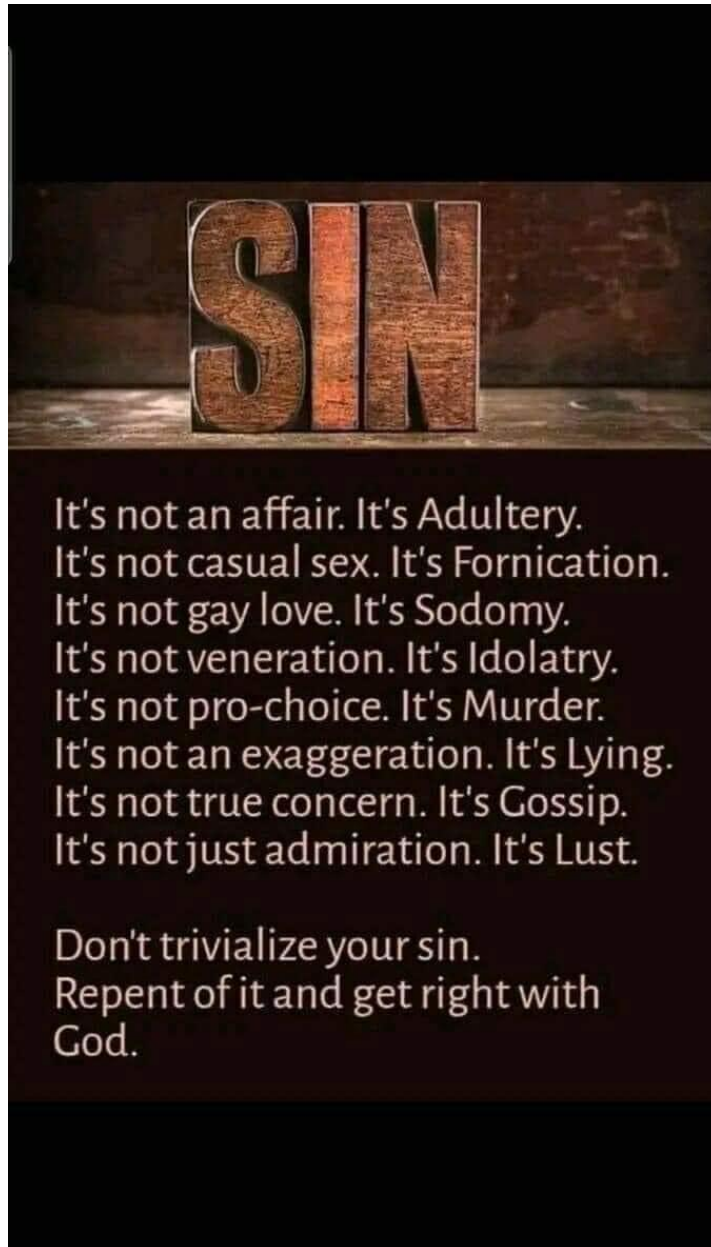
Purity & Modesty

Profanity

All of these issues have been greatly redefined by culture in recent decades.

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.



Jeremiah 6:15-16

15 Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them," says the Lord.

16 This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'